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Difficult decisions for chiefs over cuts

COUNCIL bosses in Walsall have admitted they faced difficult decisions as the extent of the cuts to children's services was revealed.

Some 37 staff would be made redundant from children's centres, while some taxi journeys for families paid for by the council could also be cut to save £100,000.

The authority needs to save £19m in 2014/15, including £5m from the children's services department, and £100m over five years.

Councillor Rachel Andrew, portfolio holder for children's services in Walsall Council coalition, said: "It's been well-documented that the council needs to save £100 million over the next five years meaning difficult decisions have to be made both now and in the years ahead."

"It's important to remember that all the savings options put forward are still proposals and no firm decisions have been made yet."

"Consultation has taken place with a wide range of people including residents, service users, councillors, the business sector, staff, voluntary and community organisations, and all the feedback will be presented to cabinet at its meeting on December 11."

"The final proposals, will then go to full council for approval in February."

Community facility 18th

A COMMUNITY facility in Walsall town centre which includes a church, shopping mall and coffee shop is celebrating its 18th birthday.

The Crossing at St Paul's, in Darwall Street, has organised guided tours for pupils, as well as craft activities for youngsters, displays, music and free refreshments on Saturday.

On Sunday, there will be a special 18th birthday service. Rev Mark Kinder, the vicar of St Paul's, said: "The 18th celebrations are a chance to say thank you to so many who have worked hard to make the Crossing a success."

DOG ATTACK FAMILY IN LAW CHANGE CALL



Simon and Amy Hryhoruk

THE FAMILY of a girl mauled by a vicious Japanese Akita dog are now campaigning for a change in the law.

It follows the father's recounting of the dreaded moment when he watched as the snarling huge dog crept up and attacked his nine-year-old daughter like a 'tiger hunting its prey'.

Without a moment of hesitation, 37-year-old web designer Simon Hryhoruk lunged into action, as he tried to pull the dog by the neck in a desperate attempt to loosen its fierce grip from Amy's head.

Following their ordeal, the Hryhoruk family, led by Amy's grandfather Peter, a retired Army colonel from the Royal Corps of Signals, now want to see dog owners be liable for their pets' actions – not whoever happens to be in the house at the time.

Amazingly, Amy suffered no facial injuries but her father has been left with scarring on his arms and legs. Japanese Akitas, which can weigh up to nine stone, are not classified as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Pensioner Nirmal Singh, 60, who also lives in Lichfield Road, Rushall, was fined £750 plus kenneling and prosecution fees of £7,653.81 and £1,200, after admitting being responsible for the dog at the time of the attack despite the pet actually belonging to his son Amrit Pal.

Mr Hryhoruk senior said: "While we welcome this conviction and the punishment given, we do feel sympathy for Mr Singh. Because of the bizarre way the law works with dangerous dogs he has had to carry the can so to speak simply because his son who owns the dog was not in."

Jumping

Mr Hryhoruk is going to write to Home Secretary Teresa May and ask for the law to be changed using the case as an example.

On the attack itself, Simon Hryhoruk said: "I literally had just got back to the house when I saw the dog slowly approach Amy, before sprinting and jumping on her. It knocked her over flat and started mauling her. Luckily she had turned away. It was just like how you see a tiger hunting its prey on a David Attenborough programme."

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard he 'predatory' beast – described as one of the most dangerous dogs ever seized by West Midlands Police – had escaped the home of pensioner Singh before crossing the road and 'stalking' Amy who was waving goodbye to her grandmother on the driveway.

As a result of the attack, Rushall JMI pupil Amy suffered bite marks to the back of her head and required stitches.

Contract delays for finish at town park

THE FINAL phase of the revamp of Walsall Arboretum, which will see a visitor centre built, has hit further delays.

Work is yet to start on the fifth and final piece in the £7.6 million revamp as negotiations with the contractor are still being finalised, council bosses have said.

It comes after the work was previously delayed because of nesting birds, but it was thought it would finally get off the ground at the end of September.

The work had been expected to start at Easter and the visitor centre had originally been due to open later this year and be fully operational in 2014.

Work on the showpiece visitor centre was delayed with council chiefs announcing they did not want to disturb wildlife and had to carry out work to stabilise an embankment at the park to make the area safe first.

Council bosses now say that talks with contractors are expected to be resolved soon to allow the final stage of the restoration programme to push ahead.

Councillor Anthony Harris, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for leisure and culture, said: "Work has not started on the visitor centre yet as we are in advanced negotiations with the contractor over the terms of the contract."

Tree tops for church festival



Susan Briggs and Anne Newport launch the Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael's

A CHURCH will be transformed into a winter grotto when a Christmas tree festival gets under way.

It is the first time that St Michael & All Angels Church in Pelsall has held such an event. The festival will bring together the church, the three village schools, local businesses and other community groups.

The sponsors will decorate their trees at the Hall Lane church on the evening of

Monday, December 16. The spectacle can then be viewed by the public at various times during the week. Refreshments will be available and there will be a shop selling hand-crafted gifts and decorations.

Entrance to the festival is free but for £1 visitors can vote for their favourite tree. The winner will be awarded the Tree Festival Cup at a special event on Saturday, December 21.

Chamberlin in £1m loss

FOUNDRY and engineering company Chamberlin has plunged to a £1 million loss and announced a cost-cutting programme as it cancelled its half-year dividend payout to shareholders.

Revenue slumped by 14 per cent at the Walsall-based firm over the last six months to £19.5m, driving Chamberlin to a loss of £1.16m.

It compares to a £786,000 profit at the same point a year ago. Problems centre on its Leicester and Scunthorpe foundries, while its Walsall foundry, was more resilient.

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Sleigh day for Tyler after winning contest



Tyler Fletcher, aged eight, with Santa

CHRISTMAS came early for one lucky young shopper on Saturday when Tyler Fletcher aged eight, won a special Santa sleigh ride.

His was chosen as the best entry in Walsall's Victorian Arcade Shopping Centre's 'design a Christmas tree' competition.

Running throughout November, the competition called on children aged 11 and under to draw, paint, colour or decorate the tree they would like to wake up to on Christ-

mas Day. Tyler's winning entry was a magnificent pop-out 3D tree covered in brightly coloured candy canes and baubles.

As part of the prize, Tyler rode through town alongside Santa in a festive sleigh, drawn by two magnificent shire horses. What's more, he received a host of early presents including a remote controlled car, XBOX 360 game, Lego and a selection of sweets. Tyler's school, Castlefort primary, was also

awarded £100 to spend towards Christmas decorations.

Tyler said: "It was fun being able to sit next to Santa on his special sleigh and wave to all the people shopping in Walsall. I'm very excited about Christmas now."

A selection of the entries are displayed in Santa's grotto situated between The Works and Acorns Charity shop, open every Saturday from 10am-3pm. Entry costs £2.50 and includes a gift from Santa.

Grant for college to help work projects

A COLLEGE has scooped a £15,000 grant which will be used to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs and help students set up their own community projects.

Teenagers at Walsall College are setting up social enterprises including a T-shirt printing venture, healthy eating workshops and cupcake shops.

The college in Littleton Street West, is the only campus in the region to receive funding as part of the project which is being run by the FE Pioneer fund and UnLtd which offers help to social enterprise schemes.

Help will be offered to students aged 16 to 21 through the Enterprise Hub who set up their own projects in the community.

Cash will be dished out based on a range of criteria including students' passion to make a change in the local community. The project has been launched to coincide with Global Entrepreneurship Week and an enterprise fair was held at the college's Wisemore Campus.

UnLtd award manager Andy Haynes said: "We are excited to be supporting the college as it works with students to develop enterprises that will make a positive social change to the community."

Jobs saved in takeover

A SECURITY firm in Walsall has been bought by an expanding rival in a deal that secures the jobs of all its 60 staff.

Roscof Security, based in Short Acre Street, has been bought by Solihull company Integrity Security Group in a move to strengthen its customer base. All 60 staff and existing contracts have been maintained.

Will Adams, director of Integrity Security Group, said: "We are delighted to have taken over the operation of such a successful and well-respected business."

Station visit

GIRL Guides from Delves were given a tour of Walsall police station - including a cell dressed with fake blood and vomit to show them what custody officers may encounter on their shift.

They were also shown the exercise yard and tasted food given to people in custody.

Raids uncover stashes of illegal goods worth £33k

A HAUL of illegal goods worth more than £33,000 has been seized during raids on a market and two shops in Walsall.

Designer clothing, sunglasses and cigarettes were among the goods discovered by Trading Standards officers and Walsall Police during separate raids at Bescot Market and shops in Caldmore and Birchills. Around 35,000 illegal cigarettes were found.

The cigarettes, worth around £13,000, were seized during the raids, which were carried out on Monday morning and afternoon.

Most of the haul was unearthed at the shop in Caldmore, where the majority of the cigarettes were found behind false walls and in various hiding places.

A tobacco detection dog was brought in to help with the search. Half a dozen packets of cigarettes were seized from a shop in Birchills during Operation Dalmatian, also on Monday afternoon.

Meanwhile, officers uncovered items purporting to be well-known brands such as Ugg boots, Converse trainers, Dr Dre Beats headphones, Ralph Lauren, Fred Perry and Lacoste knitwear, Louis Vuitton belts and Ray-Ban sunglasses at Bescot Market on Sunday.

Officials say had the items been genuine, they would have been worth more than £20,000. Officers also discovered some counterfeit tobacco, which was taken away after a search was conducted of a number of vehicles at the market.

Councillor Zahid Ali, portfolio holder for public protection at Walsall Council, said people should be wary of buying items that seemed to be a bargain. He added: "Fake goods are often of poor quality and as a basic rule if the deal seems too good to be true it probably is."

He pledged that the council would continue to crack down on the sale of counterfeit goods in the borough.

Anyone under the age of 16 can be taken back to their home address if caught causing trouble between 9pm and 6am.

Troublemakers who persistently break the order could be forced to leave the area and could be arrested.

Pe Steve Kidd said: "Sadly the actions of a few individuals have a negative effect on the whole community."



A plasterboard wall inside a toilet was the hiding place for some of the illegal goods



Marlboro and West cigarettes are stashed



Huge plastic bags are filled to the brim

Town fire station may be rebuilt

BLOXWICH Fire Station could be rebuilt under new plans which have been unveiled.

New proposals drawn up by West Midlands Fire Service would see a former bank which is on the site of the current base on the High Street either revamped and sold off, used as a training base or bulldozed.

If the site is cleared then it could provide an 'opportunity' to see the current station rebuilt. The move is part of a review of the buildings owned by the fire service which would see firefighters' training take place at stations or in the community instead.

A report on the issue stated if the bank site was knocked down it may create an opportunity to build a new station and sell the existing station plot which is on land behind the bank.

Fire authority member and Walsall councillor Keith Chambers said fire chiefs were looking at selling off the bank site and said no decision had been taken over whether the main station would be rebuilt.

He added: "This building is not serving any purpose at all. It is a good decision to dispose of it to generate capital receipts."

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Ex-police officer in abusive messages

THERE was 'no excuse' for an ex-police officer and council worker to bombard a former colleague with abusive text messages and phone calls, a court heard as she was found guilty of harassment.

Claire Horsley, aged 37, targeted her victims after being sacked by Walsall Council. She picked on two police officers who lived near her home in Little Haywood, Stafford.

One of them was described by prosecutor Mrs Moira Bell as "one of the most distraught witnesses I have come across."

She said there was 'no excuse' for Horsley's behaviour. Horsley began working at Walsall Council in 2006 after leaving Leicestershire Police Force in 2002.

She targeted Elizabeth Moss and Thomas Clark, officers with West Midlands Police, despite never having spoken to them before.

The court heard she had also sent a barrage of abusive texts and calls to Joanne Mellor-Shaw after their friendship ended.

Horsley unsuccessfully tried to claim that she was the real victim of harassment, alleging she was bullied by both Mrs Mellor-Shaw and Miss Moss.

Horsley, of St Marys Road, was found guilty of three counts of harassment without violence and three of intimidating a witness. She had denied the charges.

Horsley was remanded in custody for reports to be prepared. The case was adjourned until Monday when she is due to be sentenced.

Morrisons' tree tribute

A TREE of light will be put up at a supermarket in Willenhall to give people the chance to remember loved ones this Christmas.

The Rotary Club of Willenhall will erect the tree at Morrisons on Monday.

People will then be given the chance to cover it in a host of lights and messages in memory of loved ones.

It will also help raise money for local charities.

Each person dedicating a light is invited to write a message which is put onto the tree as well as being recorded in a book of remembrance which will be put on display at Willenhall Library.

Councillors join fight to get rid of chicanes



Petition - Councillors Paul and Chris Bott with Rajwinder Kullar, of Tubsy's Store

THEY are supposed to slow drivers down - but householders in a residential street claim traffic calming measures are actually having the opposite effect.

Campaigners in Dangerfield Lane, Darlaston, say boy racers and other drivers are swerving between two chicanes, which were installed more than 10 years ago.

Now they have collected a 200-name petition demanding that Walsall Council remove them after accidents, near-misses and problems with parking.

Trader and campaign organiser Bhupinder Singh Kullar, of Tubsy's Store, set up the petition after ongoing traffic problems

along the road, which links the A4038 Moxley Road and the A41 Black Country Route. "The chicanes have been here for years, but I'm afraid in that time they have not been doing their job. They are not a deterrent and need to be ripped out," he said.

"Some passing motorists don't want to stop to give way to oncoming traffic. If there are cars parked on either side of the road and some of the large vehicles can't get through, tempers do flare with drivers becoming abusive. We also have a nursery school near one of the chicanes and there are road safety concerns among families."

Darlaston South representatives Councillors Paul and Chris Bott are backing the petition. "The chicanes were put in a number of years ago to slow the traffic down because of issues back then with rat-running," said Councillor Paul Bott.

"They were put in to reduce traffic speed to 20mph down Dangerfield Lane. But it has created the effect that everyone is racing through them because they don't want to give way to oncoming traffic."

He said the chicanes should be removed to allow the free flow of traffic. Recently a sports car struck one of the chicanes resulting in a wheel coming to rest in a nearby garden.

Ex-mayor riding high with argument against new car

ONE former Walsall Mayor has hit out at Walsall Council for their £50,000 expenditure on a new Jaguar XJ at a time when he says the authority needs to tighten its belt.

Richard Worrall's stance when he wore the chain of office in the 1990s, was to jump on a bike, or hop on the bus - anything but use the expensive mayoral car.

The 69-year-old has joined the fierce debate about the borough mayor's car after it emerged Walsall Council controversially spent the cash at a time they are making £19 million savings and 332 job cuts.

He said the decision to fork out thousands for a Jaguar 'wasn't a very clever move'.

"When I was mayor back in the 1990s, I tried not to use the mayoral car as much as possible," he said. "I would go places by bus, bike or even walk if I could. I never turned up to a council meeting in a car."

"I just felt then - and I still do now - that we need to do something about the way we travel around."

Costly

Mr Worrall described his decision to use greener forms of transport as having more to do with saving the environment but it would have certainly saved some pennies too.

"I did it my way to save the environment," he continued. "A Ford Mondeo was hired as the mayoral car after the previous one, a Daimler, was sent to a motor museum in France. That had been very costly."

"For a mayor, a Mondeo would be seen as rather downmarket, but the mayor does not have to arrive in an expensive limousine. People are happy to meet the mayor, a nice friendly face. That's all they care about. When I read about the council

by Laura Blyth

spending £50,000 on a new mayoral car, I thought it wasn't a very clever move."

In total Mr Worrall made 800 appointments during his year-long term from 1996-97 and he said he reached the vast majority of them by bike, bus, train or even in an electric car. He even had a civic pennant put on the front of his bike.

Peugeot in Coventry had been designing early models of electric cars and Mr Worrall was allowed to use one for several months - and at times he would simply walk, if the appointments were close enough.

Mr Worrall was re-elected as a councillor after an eight-year break last May. The retired teacher had previously campaigned for the National Pensioners' Convention for free bus travel for senior citizens.

He added: "I remember one time when I left my bike outside the council house and when I came out later someone had stolen the saddle."

Mr Worrall is quick to leap to the defence of current mayor Councillor Mohammad Nazir, saying the decision to buy a new Jaguar was not down to him.

Union chiefs have been highly critical over the expenditure on the new mayoral car. But council leader Mike Bird has said coughing up £50,000 will have no impact on potential redundancies.



Richard Worrall on his bike in the 90s



All aboard - Mr Worrall was often travelling on a bus to avoid using the mayoral car



Mayor Mohammad Nazir



Walsall Council's new Jaguar - bought at a time of massive spending cuts and job losses

Scrap comes in useful to help hospice

UNWANTED scrap metal has raised £1,250 for a hospice after road maintenance workers got into gear for charity.

Employees of Lafarge Tarmac, which carries out highways work on behalf of Walsall Council, raised the cash by collecting waste metal that they came across during the course of their duties.

They donated the money to St Giles

Walsall Hospice, a 12-bed centre, based in Goscote Lane, Goscote, which provides medical and nursing care for residents suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, as well as offering support to their families and carers.

In addition to the money raised, Lafarge Tarmac's Walsall-based team is also supporting St Giles Hospice's Share a Christmas Card initiative.

This programme encourages businesses to have a communal card on which employees can write festive messages and then make a financial donation to the hospice instead of sending individual cards.

Mark Harriman, of Lafarge Tarmac, said: "The highways team has worked hard to collect the materials and it's great to give this cash to an important cause."

NEWS in brief

Pub to reopen as Indian restaurant

A POPULAR pub has reopened as an Indian restaurant after lying empty for three years.

The Dale House pub in Biston Street, Willenhall, has been renamed Dale House Indian Fine Dining and has created 15 new jobs. It was officially opened by the Mayor of Walsall Council, Councillor Mohammad Nazir.

The 18th century townhouse has a bar and restaurant on the ground floor and an upstairs function room. It closed in 2011 after a downturn in business but new manager Mohammed Hussain said he is hopeful about its future.

Closure due with signal box work

WORK on the demolition of Bloxwich signal box which dates back more than 50 years will take place next month.

Willenhall Lane will be closed at the level crossing of the rail line during the project.

It will take place over December 7 and 8, with Croxstalls Road also due to shut while it is carried out.

An upgrade of the signalling system along the Chase Line means there is no longer a need for the signal box.

Retirement home scheme is sent in

A FORMER pub in Walsall could be transformed into retirement homes under new plans submitted to the council.

The Park Tavern, in Broadway North, would be transformed into 28 properties if the proposals are given the go-ahead.

Developers McCarthy and Stone say in a statement: "The proposed site is within easy walking distance of local shops and facilities and this will contribute significantly to retail viability."

Health Lottery bid by Poundland

POUNDLAND has begun selling Health Lottery tickets in almost 300 stores across the UK.

The Willenhall-based chain has revealed that sales will be rolled out to all of its 400 plus branches by March next year.

Poundland trading director Richard Lancaster said: "We're delighted to be supporting the Health Lottery and helping to fundraise for charities."

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IN THE space of a few hours this week I received two emails, apparently from BT, about changes to the email system. Both turned out to be bogus, part of a "phishing" scam to pick up personal details. The internet seems to get more dangerous every day, like a dark, growing forest with robbers behind every tree. I sometimes wonder how long the internet will last. Unless security is massively improved, the day may come when, like airships and Sinclair C5s, it will be seen as too dangerous for most folk to contemplate.

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BIG row in Walsall over the council's decision to blow £50,000 on a new Jaguar as the mayoral limousine. A senior councillor says: "We feel it's important to retain the significance of the mayor's role. The mayor goes back to the 1200s. The mayor is the Queen's representative in the borough." Which sounds terribly impressive until you recall that the role of the Pope goes back 2,000 years and he is God's representative on earth. While the Mayor of Walsall rolls up in a £50,000 Jag, Pope Francis uses a Ford Focus.

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IT IS reported that theft from shops in the UK now costs us £3,400 million a year, or about £124 per household. It is a colossal sum but what did the politicians expect when they effectively decriminalised shoplifting? Gone are the days when shoplifters were hauled before the courts to have their dishonesty dissected in public and their convictions printed in the local newspaper. Oh, the shame. These days a first-time shoplifter and they always claim it's their first time! caught nicking items worth less than £100 is issued with a PND, a Penalty Notice of Disorder which is little more than a fixed-penalty fine. Pay £80 and you'll hear no more about it. This is probably the biggest bargain in the supermarket. If you go shoplifting a dozen times before you get caught and then get stung for £80, you're well into profit. Is it any wonder that thousands of people no longer regard shoplifting as a crime and look slightly puzzled if you suggest, heaven forbid, they should be ashamed of themselves?

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FOR a snapshot of modern attitudes to theft from stores, have a look at that great national barometer, the Sky News website where one contributor thunders: "The only answer to this problem is to FIGHT for a DECENT WAGE." Actually, there is another answer. Try leading a decent, honest life and keeping your sticky fingers off other people's property.

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MEANWHILE, it emerged this week that we are heading for the most debt-ridden Christmas of all time. Total UK personal debt stands at £1.43 trillion or if you prefer, £1,430,000,000,000. Average debt per British household is now £54,000, double the level of a decade ago. And just when you're thinking of doing something really desperate (like paying off some of your debts), along comes a couple of new credit cards, announced this week, which don't charge any interest for the first 15 months. Just think of the debt you can rack up before things turn nasty. Just what we need – the lead lifejacket.

IT is 50 years since President Kennedy was killed in Dallas. Over the following five decades, like so many of my generation, I have read endless conspiracy theories and watched a succession of reconstructions, documentaries and movies. Only one came close to persuading me there was more to this killing than a single assassin in the Dallas book depository. This was Bonar Menninger's book *Mortal Error: The Shot That Killed JFK*, which I reviewed when it was published 21 years ago. Menninger believes Lee Harvey Oswald fired only two of the three shots heard that day in Dallas. The third and fatal shot, he suggests, was fired accidentally by secret service agent George Hickey in the car behind Kennedy's who stood up in alarm when he heard Oswald's shots. It is an elegant theory. It explains not only why the three shots happened so quickly but why several witnesses said they smell gunpowder in the air at street level. Above all, it is a theory which relies not on a conspiracy, which would surely have unravelled by now, but on a good, old-fashioned cock-up.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Pupils ring out their Jingle Bells in Free Radio contest



Pupils with Free Radio workers

A CHOIR from a school in Walsall are hoping their rendition of Jingle Bells will help them become Free Radio's 2013 Christmas Stars.

Whitehall Nursery and Infant School is one of 10 educational establishments battling it out to win the chance to sing their favourite festive song on the radio.

The winning school will not only have its song played on air to an audience of more than 350,000, but will also be given the opportunity to

perform live in front of hundreds of people. Jo and Sparky from Free Radio's Drive programme visited the Walsall school with Michaela Powell, the managing director of Aspire People, the Midlands-based recruitment consultancy which is sponsoring the competition, to see the choir in action as pupils sang their chosen Christmas audition live for Free Radio.

The choir's song was put to the public for voting last week. Ms Powell

said: "I was overwhelmed by the huge amount of effort that the school choir has gone to. The song had everybody in the room up on their feet, dancing and clapping along. I could tell the pupils were really enthused and excited to be involved in the Christmas Stars competition."

The choir, which is made up of 38 pupils aged between five and seven, has been practising its song choice in after-school rehearsals, with music coordinator John Palmer.

Woman faces sentence over partner killing plot

SHE has been labelled a 'cold and callous individual' and now Kelly Cliff faces being sentenced for plotting to have her partner killed, after a jury found her guilty.

Detective Constable James Connell of Force CID said it was a 'very rare case' and its seriousness cannot be underestimated.

Cliff had admitted saying she wanted Carl Gallagher – with whom she shared a house in Aldridge – to 'drop dead' during a conversation with Dalton Bowen, but she insisted she had never actually intended it to be taken seriously.

But Mr Bowen was so shocked by the discussion that he went to the police.

DC Connell, who is based at Bloxwich police station and led a team of six officers in the investigation, said he was pleased with the verdict after months of hard work.

He said: "She is a cold and callous individual who has now been convicted of a very serious offence. I am looking forward to finding out what sentence she will receive."

"This was a very rare case for us, and I have certainly never come across one like this before."

Alarmed

"She was trying to organise her partner's murder. It was a long investigation, in total we spent eight months working on it, and it took a great deal of hard work to get to this stage, so we are delighted."

Mr Bowen told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "She said she wanted her partner killed, wiped off the face of the earth."

He said: "I was meant to find out who would do it, when and how much."

He said that he was so alarmed by the suggestion that he reported it to the police and Cliff was arrested at the couple's house in Brookfield Road, Aldridge, on May 5.

Cliff, aged 40, denied soliciting Mr Bowen to kill Mr Gallagher between April 2 and April 6. She told a jury that she had talked to Mr Bowen about wishing Mr

by Naomi Dunning

Gallagher dead but said she was only 'letting off steam' and never thought he would do anything about it.

She said she failed to mention the discussion to detectives following her arrest because she was frightened after being locked up in the cells overnight before being interviewed.

Meanwhile, Mr Gallagher has since moved out of the area.

Mr Gallagher, who had stayed with Cliff throughout their 22-year relationship during which she had a string of affairs, has moved to Wales. The current occupant of the house in Brookfield Road confirmed that Mr Gallagher had left several months ago.

Mother-of-two Cliff, aged 40, was remanded in custody after the verdict, after a four-day trial.

The jury had been told how Mr Gallagher put up with the repeated affairs by the woman who wanted him dead.

He said in a sworn statement read to the court: "The relationship always had its ups and downs and throughout that time I have been aware that she had relationships with other men behind my back."

The couple had married during their long relationship, but divorced seven years ago, before reuniting.

Cliff is due to be sentenced on December 6.



Kerry Cliff, aged 40, who has been found guilty of plotting to kill her partner

Town post office move is welcomed

A BID to move a post office a short distance from its current base to a new home as part of a modernisation programme has been welcomed.

Moxley Post Office is earmarked to move around 2,116 ft from where it is currently located in Roberts Close to Kendrick News, in Kendrick Road. Post Office Ltd has launched a six-week consultation over the plans which would see the branch's opening hours extended to 103 per week – more

than double the amount at present. Darlaston South Councillor Paul Bott said: "We are pleased services will be retained in Moxley as post offices are under threat."

"It provides a vital service for people in Moxley and it gives the shop the opportunity to expand its business. I am fully supportive of it."

The new opening hours for the post office would be from 6am to 9pm from Mondays to Saturdays and 7am to 8pm on Sundays.

Thug gets jail after targeting pizza man

A THUG is paying a very high price for a £14 pizza takeaway after it cost him a two year and 10 month custodial sentence.

James Mills realised he did not have enough money after it had been ordered, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. So the 20-year-old hid in bushes and ambushed the delivery driver at 1.30am, prosecutor Mr Philip Beardwell said.

Mills leapt from his hiding place and pointed a 10-inch blade at Mr Khaled Alizadah who was forced to hand over the meal, the court heard.

The robber took the pizza bag and demanded: 'What else have you got?', forcing the terrified delivery driver to hand over £40 cash of his own money. Mills then fled, but outran Mr Alizadah, who returned to the Wishbone Takeaway to raise the alarm.

In the meantime the robber returned to the address from which the order had been made in Harvey Road, Beechdale – the home of a woman he knew – to eat the pizza, before hailing a taxi back to his home. The fare was paid with some of the stolen money, the court was told.

The defendant was plagued by drink and drug problems and had four previous convictions involving nine separate offences dating back to 2009, the court heard. Mills from Woodlands Court, Bridge Road, Sheldale, admitted robbery and possession of a knife in the early hours of October 24 and was sent to a Young Offenders Institution for 32 months.

Kicking off team's dates

WILLENHALL Town FC players are revealing a bit more than usual on the latest calendar in a bid to raise funds for the club.

The first delivery of The Lockmen Revealed 2014 calendars has taken place and will be on sale at all games and fundraising events, or via post. If anyone would like to reserve one, please call chairman Simon Hall on wtfclubsec@aol.co.uk.

A spokesman for the club said: "Let's make this a project to remember – £6 buys you a quality calendar with 12 brave lads debuting in their modelling careers for a bit of fun. An ideal gift and something a little easy on the eye for those liking their footballing eye candy!"

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Fight is on to protect elderly's free trips

A CAMPAIGN is being launched against 'terrible' plans to strip pensioners of free train and tram travel and cut funding for Ring and Ride services. The proposal is part of a £14 million package of cuts revealed by Centro.

Under its cost-cutting plans, fares for children on buses would rise from half an adult fee to two thirds while funding for the Ring and Ride service would be reduced.

Free bus travel for pensioners and the disabled will be protected because it is required by law, however the free tram and train service is not. Walsall councillor and former mayor Richard Worrall revealed he would campaign for Centro to have a rethink.

He said: "If there is a 25 to 30 per cent cut to funding for Ring and Ride then there's not going to be a lot left. I am very angry at the cuts being imposed by the Government. It is absolutely terrible."

Councillor Worrall will be starting a petition and organising events to promote his campaign. He added he believed few savings would actually be made by axing free tram and train travel for pensioners.

He said: "This is just appalling and I am very angry at what is being done. I don't blame the leaders of the authorities but we need to make sure that the choices they make are the least damaging to the most vulnerable people."

Zeppelin raid to be feature

DEVASTATION from the infamous Zeppelin raid over Walsall will be among the talks being staged to mark the centenary of the First World War.

Archivist Paul Ford will lead his popular presentation about the night the German aircraft dropped bombs over Bradford Place in the town centre killing the mayoress Mary Slater and tearing the roof off the old Wednesbury Road Congregational Church on January 31, 1916.

The public event will be held at Walsall Local History Centre in Leamore on December 2, from 7pm. Admission is £2 and to book call 01922 721305. Log onto www.walsall.gov.uk/localhistorycentre

Phone mast replacement plan is thrown out

A TELECOMS giant's bid to replace a controversial phone mast that sparked a High Court battle with an even larger model has been thrown out.

Walsall Council had launched legal action after claiming Vodafone had put up the mast in Phasey in July 2011 despite the authority throwing out the proposals – but a judge ruled there should be no judicial review.

Vodafone then drew up new plans to increase the height of the 48ft phone mast, at the junction of Waverley Avenue and Beacon Road, by 20cm to improve services for customers.

But Walsall Council's planning commit-

tee voted unanimously to throw out the proposals at a meeting last night, with council leader Mike Bird directing officers to write to Vodafone to ask again if the firm will pull the current mast down.

It came after planning officers warned the committee that despite the minor size increase, the new mast would be 'considerably more bulky and prominent' and new equipment cabinets would be 'intrusive'.

Speaking against the plans, Walsall's regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "Our residents are extremely annoyed in how this mast ended up here."

"The new mast will be bigger. The appli-

cant is rubbing salt in the wounds of our local residents."

Phasey Park Farm Councillor Chris Towe, also speaking against the plans, added: "We did offer them alternative sites at the time and they refused."

Protesters cited health concerns, claiming it is unnecessary and that there are many more preferable sites nearby. Planning agent Chris Taylor, from Mono Consultants, speaking on behalf of the applicant, said the new mast would have facilitated 4G services.

But Councillor Bird told the meeting: "It is a new application. It is a different mast.

It's thicker, it's taller. We didn't want the first one and we don't want the second one."

The council had previously sought to take enforcement action against the mast, with more than 350 people signing a petition in support of the authority.

The council said the decision to refuse planning permission for the mast was posted on its website and sent to bosses at Vodafone 11 days before the 56-day deadline for a planning decision.

This was denied by the phone operator, which said it had not received the notice of refusal and went ahead under 'permitted development'.

Council calls for help to stop disappearing pubs

THE GOVERNMENT will be asked to confer special powers on Walsall to help the town protect its ailing pub industry.

It comes after a number of pubs have been closed and transformed into flats in the area.

Walsall Council is now asking the Government to give it greater authority to reject applications from developers for pubs across the borough.

The plea to Secretary of State for communities and local government Eric Pickles will call on him to return full planning powers to allow the council to prevent pubs from being converted for other uses.

Under the plan, no pub will be allowed to change use unless it can show that continued trading is not economically viable, the premises has been marketed as a pub for a minimum amount of time and the change will not lead to a shortage of pubs within easy walking distance.

Backed

The call for action was backed at the full council meeting which took place last week.

Councillor Ian Shires, who proposed the plan, said: "Pubs provide a community hub for residents to meet, relax, debate and do business. When a pub dies, part of the community dies. Bit by bit we are letting our communities die around us."

Council leader Mike Bird said: "More people these days are choosing to go to the off-licence where they can buy alcohol more cheaply and drink it at home where they don't have to worry about drinking and driving, and they can have a smoke."

A number of prominent pubs in Walsall have been turned into homes in recent years.

The latest is set to be The Station Hotel in Bloxwich.

According to The Campaign for Real Ale, 26 pubs are closing a week – a total of 1,300 a year – across the country.

Gerrard moment is Declan's best birthday present



A proud moment for Declan and his family as he leads out the teams and the rest of the escorts, hand-in-hand with Steven Gerrard

FOR A football-mad youngster, there really is no better birthday present.

Just one day before his eighth birthday excited Declan Kennelly was lining up in the Wembley tunnel waiting to walk out with England ahead of their huge match with Germany last Tuesday.

But little did he or his proud family up in the stands know, that he would be leading the

team out with captain Steven Gerrard. Dad Mike, 46, said: "I hate to say it but I did actually cry. None of us could really believe it. They had to line up in the tunnel smallest to tallest, so for once being short paid off for him. It was a fantastic birthday present."

Declan, from Harebell Close in Tamebridge, Walsall, was picked after both Mr Kennelly and his brother Gerry applied for him to

be a team escort. And to prepare for his big occasion the Villa fan, who goes to Yew Tree Primary School and plays for Centre Spot Colts in Rowley Regis, spent around two weeks learning the words to the national anthem.

He said: "I had to sing the national anthem, but the TV showed the Germany team but not the England team singing. Steven was friendly. He just asked me if I was OK and I said yes."



From left, sister Caitlin, Dad Mike Kennelly, Declan and sister Niamh

NEWS

in brief

Apply for funds call to business

SMALL to medium-sized businesses in the Black Country are being urged to apply for funding to help them expand or create new business premises.

Funding is being made available through The Black Country Business Property Investment Programme, supported by the European Regional Development Fund and managed by the Department for Communities and Local Government. The deadline for expressions of interest is December 2.

Contributions from Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton Councils have been added to the pot of funding, supported by potential investment from private sector businesses that will be taking part.

Visit bcbbip.co.uk or call 01922 654356 for further details.

Ready, steady, ho! ho! ho! plea

A HOSPICE in the Black Country is calling on families and friends to suit-up as Father Christmas for its annual fundraising Santa Run. Acorns Children's Hospice is holding the event at Walsall Arboretum on December 8.

There will be a 5km run and 2km stroll to choose from and all runners will receive a two-for-one voucher for Drayton Manor.

Laura Heathfield, events manager at Acorns, said: "Last year's event was a magical scene and we're hoping to encourage lots more Santas to come along and make this year the best yet. Acorns provides vital support to 200 children and 300 families across the Black Country." Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s and free for under 6s. Call 0844 984 0405 to register.

Students' joy at national award

STAFF and students at Walsall College are celebrating after winning a national award for outstanding leadership of improvement.

The college was awarded a prestigious Association of Colleges Beacon Award during the AoC annual conference in Birmingham.

It won the award for the holistic approach that it has taken to shift from being a satisfactory college to being judged outstanding overall by Ofsted earlier this year.

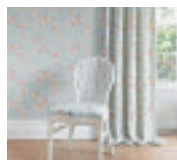
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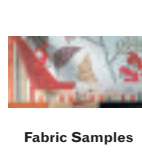
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SOME years ago, my car was vandalised. It had been keyed from front to back, with several deep scratches across four different panels. Pretty conclusive evidence of a crime, wouldn't you say? Not according to the police officer who attended.

"So what makes you think it was deliberate?" he asked.

Of course. Somebody walking past, maybe on their way to a charity auction or something, just happens to have a sharp implement in their hand, and accidentally gouges a 16ft stretch of paintwork. Happens all the time.

Last week former West Midlands Police chief inspector Rodger Patrick told a committee of MPs about how police officers used such quaintly-named techniques as 'cuffing', 'nodding', 'skewing' and 'stitching' to make crime figures look better.

'Cuffing' could potentially involve recording thefts as 'lost property', burglaries as 'theft from property', and attempted burglaries as 'criminal damage', he explained. As opposed to the good old days, when it was a way of dealing with young miscreants. And that made the crime figures look better too.

IT IS great to hear that Black Country discount chain Poundland is to be floated on the Stock Exchange, but one small question. What will the share price will be?

CONGRATULATIONS on Kingston-upon-Hull being voted UK City of Culture in 2017.

Now I must confess ignorance, in the sense that it is a place I have never visited. But I'm in no doubt that it is a very pleasant place, and I know enough people who originate from that neck of the woods to know it would be very unwise to ever suggest anything else. But it does beg the question of how our ruling classes define culture, and what sort of attributes they seek.

The UK City of Culture panel was headed by television producer Phil Redmond, best known for making Grange Hill and Brookside, and the other main contenders for the title included Leicester, Dundee and Swansea.

Again, very nice cities, no doubt, but it doesn't take a mastermind to imagine the type of culture they were looking for. I can imagine buzz words like 'cutting edge', 'vibrancy' and 'diversity' being used pretty liberally during the judging process.

So Worcester, which gave the world Edward Elgar, Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of William Shakespeare, and Portsmouth, the birthplace of Charles Dickens, are all overlooked, and instead the accolade goes to the city which brought us John Prescott. Brilliant.



Before Karl was injured in Iraq



Karl during one of his charity events



Big challenge - heading to Everest



Karl is in Bryan Adams' new book

Scars only skin deep as Karl bares his soul

LISA WRIGHT reports on Black Country hero Karl Hinett who has teamed up with Bryan Adams with some remarkable results

The word tattooed across his stomach speaks volumes about war hero Karl Hinett.

Although Karl was so badly injured in Iraq that he had to learn to walk again, the word 'unscarred' is emblazoned on his torso as a reminder of his determination to overcome his wounds.

It is a simple, powerful word summing up the spirit of a man who has gone on to run countless marathons in aid of charity, now candidly displayed framed by his shocking scars in a new book by rock star Bryan Adams.

Karl, formerly of Tipton and who now lives in Dudley, was invited by Adams to strip off to be part of an collection of striking portraits of injured soldiers called Bryan Adams Exposed in Dusseldorf.

And now the singer has launched a book featuring more images called Wounded: The Legacy of War.

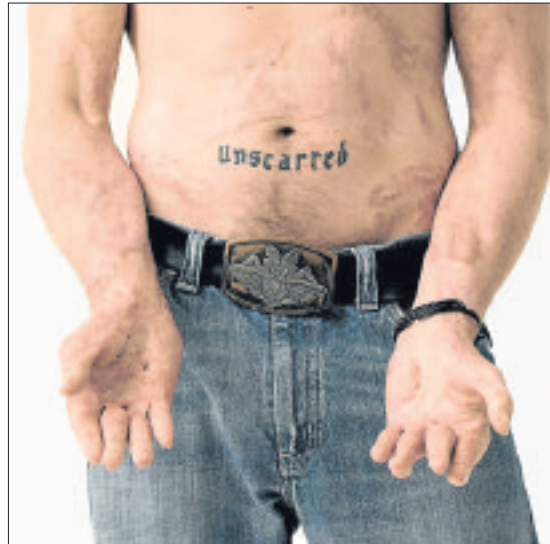
As a private with the Staffordshire Regiment, Karl, 26, suffered severe burns to his hands, legs, arms and face in the bombing in 2005 in Iraq.

Challenges

His injuries were so bad he had to painstakingly learn to walk again.

But he battled back to compete in dozens of gruelling challenges to raise money for the hospital that treated him, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Around two years ago he was approached by the Canadian to pose in the pictures.

He said: "I have to admit it was quite an unusual email I got from him, but as I read the details I realised I wanted to take part. He wanted to capture images



The word unscarred is tattooed across war hero Karl Hinett's stomach

of soldiers after war, and it was a really interesting and exciting project to be part of." He spent most of the morning with the star at his studio, and even had breakfast with him.

He said: "He is a really genuine and down to earth guy, and really very accommodating, making me feel welcome. It was very relaxed, and he was very clear about what he wanted."

Karl posed topless for the star putting his burnt and badly scarred skin on full display, as well as his distinctive tattoos. He added: "He is

known mostly for his music, but he is a really very good photographer and was very professional."

Karl was photographed individually but was one of 25 injured soldiers to take part in the project.

He said: "Looking back it was quite a bizarre experience being photographed by Bryan Adams, but I am really pleased I did it."

"It was a bit odd posing, but he kept it quite relaxed and put me at ease."

Karl has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charity during his

mammoth fundraising efforts, running 100 marathons in two years in aid of the hospital charity.

On New Year's Day 2011 he started a marathon challenge to raise cash for Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where he was nursed back to health.

He finished the last gruelling 26.2 mile run in Liverpool on New Year's Eve last year.

Meanwhile, he has also announced he will be returning to Iraq in an epic challenge to mark the 10th anniversary of when he was horrifically injured in the country.

The soldier will be taking on a 5,000km running challenge called 'Back 2 Iraq 2015' in two years time, which will see him run across Europe, Turkey and back to the Middle East.

Collection

Money will be split between the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity and Walking With The Wounded. Karl said the idea was formed with fellow participant Jules Roberts, 29.

They plan to run around a marathon a day, starting in England, making their way through France, Germany, Prague, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey and then on to Iraq.

The book was launched earlier this month and is a collection of photographs and first person accounts from servicemen and women who have cheated death whilst serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The photography for the book was taken by Bryan Adams and the words were edited by ITN journalist Caroline Froggatt who first approached Bryan with the idea to do something to help wounded soldiers in 2008. The book has taken five years to make and includes more than 100 photographs of 40 wounded servicemen.

It is published by German publishers Steidl and cost £50.

Proceeds from the book will go to the services charities BLESMA, Blind Veterans UK, Combat Stress, SSAFA and War Child.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A COUNCIL announced it would be taking a softer stance on prosecutions for breaches of Sunday trading laws. Wolverhampton Council had previously had a policy of rigidly enforcing laws banning businesses from opening on the Sabbath.

THE Express & Star carried an aerial shot of the new M54 motorway link to Telford, which was due to be opened by Transport Secretary Nicholas Ridley. In an article Mr Ridley wrote: "Although the M54 has in the past understandably attracted some controversy and objections from environmentalists, I believe the advantages and far outweigh the disadvantages."

WOOLWORTH'S chairman John Beckett defended his company's decision to prosecute a 77-year-old shoplifter, despite being castigated by a judge. Walsall-born Mr Beckett, a former pupil of Wolverhampton Grammar School, said a shoplifter's age should not be taken into account unless they were ill or confused.

1993...

IT WAS announced that the last remaining coal pit in Staffordshire was to close before Christmas, throwing 600 miners out of work. Workers at Littleton Colliery, near Cannock, were told by bosses at British Coal that the pit would close on December 10.

CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer Ken Clarke cut the rate of borrowing by 0.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, sparking measures that he was trying to stimulate consumer spending ahead of a tax rise.

WOLVES fans were furious when they arrived at Luton to discover that the match had been called off. The First Division tie at Kenilworth Road had been cancelled just three hours before kick-off.

2003...

ENGLAND were celebrating their most famous sporting victory since 1966 after lifting the Rugby World Cup. Prolific scorer Jonny Wilkinson grabbed the glory with a dramatic last-minute extra time winner.

A CHURCH sparked a fury by removing all silk flower arrangements from graves in its yard. Furious relatives blasted Rev David Vastergaard's decision to enforce the strict rules at Holy Trinity Church in Heath Town, Wolverhampton, without warning. Around 100 people signed a petition opposing the controversial move. Mr Vastergaard apologised for any anguish caused by the ban, but said artificial flowers quickly looked shabby and dirty, and could also damage mowing and strimming equipment.

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LETTERS

Nomination saw camaraderie at council

RE: FREEDOM of the borough for Noddy Holder. It is a fact that when Noddy Holder was nominated by Councillor Pete Smith, no-one in the council chamber was in any doubt as to who he was and, indeed, most councillors had anecdotes associated with him.

The proposed engendered a rare camaraderie, a pleasant surprise to the public gallery, instead of the normal pointless political point scoring. This was the polar opposite to the nomination

on September 23, 2013, when the Labour mayor Councillor Nazir nominated Professor Gatrad for the same honour. A CV explaining who this man was had to be circulated to councillors.

If it would, indeed cost £17,000 to organise this award, why was this not raised by any Labour councillors in September as being an issue when Prof Gatrad was nominated? Why would it cost £17,000 for a signwriter, with gilt paint and brush, to paint a name on a

piece of timber and to have a scroll prepared? But this figure could be recouped many fold in media interest, publicity and footfall in Walsall.

I know many old Walsallians who will travel back to their home town to witness this honour being bestowed upon a man who has never forgotten, or denied his roots – a local 'kid dun gud'..

CHRISTINE STATHAM,
Millfield Avenue, Walsall

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Authority could take a leaf out of JCB's book

THE divide between the private and public sectors appears to be forever widening.

A recent report mentions the JCB chief executive's drive to boost manufacturing business.

Lord Bamford is a man who remains on top of his game who has steered the company through recession and survived not by putting up prices, but by adopting the latest lean manufacturing techniques to drive cost out of his business.

Compare this to Walsall Council's well-documented troubles, including the spending of £50,000 on a new car for the mayor at a time when cuts are needed.

My plan would be:

a) Increase the employee contribution for public sector pensions, to reduce costs to the council.

b) Reduce the levels of executive management and bureaucracy, combining departments if necessary. Private sector managers have had to become more versatile, covering a wider brief and at the same time receiving zero additional reward. Priority has been company survival. Reinvest the savings into improving services and reducing cost (organisational waste).

c) Adopt the assistance of retired private sector managers with Lean Manufacturing experience, to show Walsall Council executives how to reduce cost.

M JONES, Bloxwich

Excellent care for my mother Camouflaged cyclist concern

I WOULD like to bring to the attention of your readers the excellent standard of care my late mum May Glover received at Swan House Care Home, Willenhall.

Mom had dementia and was with Swan House for three years. On the residential floor, when my 84 year old dad went to visit mom, they invited him to many activities.

She had a stroke in April and returned from hospital to Swan House on the nursing floor, yet again the care was first class.

Each and everyone who works there has time to listen and act on the best interests of residents.

P A KEELEY, Willenhall

DRIVING along recently, I was suddenly aware of a cyclist. The weather was quite murky, wearing dark clothing and with a background of some dark trees and bushes, he was well camouflaged.

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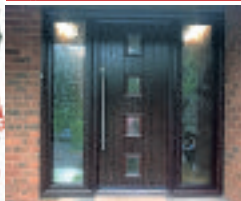
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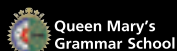
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NEWS

Award success for principal at college



Maria Gilling

A COLLEGE principal has scooped a prestigious award for leading a sustainability drive.

Maria Gilling, who has championed the cause at Walsall Adult & Community College since 2009, was awarded the Sustainability Champion Award at the Green Gown Awards in Derby.

The Green Gown Awards recognise the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges across the UK. Around 325 sustainability leaders attended to see Ms Gilling become the first sustainability champion.

The newly introduced category, open to both staff and students at a tertiary education institution, recognised those who have worked hard at sustainability initiatives.

Ms Gilling was praised for establishing Walsall as the 'mechanism for organisational success' across the college.

She said: "Winning this award is a great achievement for all of the staff who have worked so hard to improve the teaching and learning within Walsall Adult and Community College."

Stolen goods gambler fails to win appeal

A FATHER who turned to handling stolen jewellery to fund his gambling addiction has failed to convince top judges he was punished too harshly.

Father-of-three, Jonathan James Hamilton, was 'settled down with a family life, and a successful businessman' before he turned to laundering stolen gems in a bid to cover his huge gambling debts, a court heard.

After being jailed in March he attempted to appeal his sentence at a hearing at London's Criminal Appeal Court.

The hearing was told by Mr Justice Holroyde that Hamilton was arrested by police in March 2010 while trying to sell a £6,500 haul of jewellery that had been snatched in a house burglary just hours before.

Three months later, a police raid on his home uncovered smelting gear and other paraphernalia designed to melt down gold.

Hamilton, also known as David Bassey, from Walsall, was said to have developed a 'devastating' gambling habit over a six-year period, the court heard, having lost over £400,000.

The 37-year-old, of Park Hall Drive, Park Hall, Walsall, was jailed for two

by Deborah Hardiman

and a half years at Birmingham Crown Court after he admitted converting criminal property. He had also laundered the profits from a missing trader VAT fraud. Hamilton pleaded guilty on the basis that he 'laundered £250,000 worth of property' which he suspected to be the proceeds of crime.

He was well known as someone 'who could be approached to dispose of property with no questions asked'. Hamilton has expressed 'shame and remorse' for his crimes, the court heard, and he had also made efforts to address his gambling. However Mr Justice Holroyde, sitting with Lord Justice Elias and Mr Justice King said Hamilton had 'dealt in high value property over a long period of time'.

Pupils click into action



Andrew Pomroy-Hillier and Lottie Rose-Preston with their year 6 classmates at Pool Hayes Primary school, Willenhall

DRAMA was used to help children stay safe online as part of a new school project.

Pupils at Pool Hayes Primary in Willenhall took part in a performance called Three Clicks which warned of the dangers of the internet. It was organised by the One Day Creative company, which visits schools across the country.

Headteacher Keith Page said the event was a success and had helped educate the Year 5 and 6 children.

The pupils were led through rehearsals during the day-long workshop before taking part in the performance at the end. As well as improving their awareness of the internet, the activities are also designed to develop their teamwork and help them express their own ideas.

Mr Page added: "The day culminated in a lively performance to the whole school, in which the repeated phrase 'three clicks' - standing for click clever, click cool, click safe - was used to reinforce how to avoid and dangers of the internet and stay safe."

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NEWS

Teatime celebration for Busy Bees' 30th

TODDLERS were buzzing with excitement when they helped celebrate their nursery's 30th anniversary.

The Busy Bees group, which was founded in 1983, marked the occasion with parties at its nurseries across the country, including one in Walsall.

Youngsters and staff at the nursery dressed up as bees and took part in activities throughout the day, including arts and crafts.

And they took a break from the celebrations to settle down for a delicious afternoon tea.

Assistant manager Melanie Burke said: "It was a really nice day and all the children had a good time."

"They enjoyed the activities and had a lovely afternoon tea."



Nursery manager Kelly Smith, front, and her two-year-old daughter Maisie Allington

Mother used £9k false claims cash to pay debts

A **BENEFITS** cheat who was overpaid to the tune of more than £9,000 from the public purse, after failing to declare she was no longer a single parent, used the money to repay catalogue debts and buy items for her house a court was told.

Leanne Edmunds, a 27-year-old mother of three, was sentenced at Walsall Magistrates Court after she admitted three charges of failing to notify of a change in her circum-

stances. Edmunds, of Queen Street, Moxley, was rumoured after an anonymous tip-off to Walsall Council who held a joint investigation with the Department of Work and Pensions - DWP.

The court was told that she had been paid housing and council tax benefits and income support, in addition to child benefit and child tax credits since 2008 and was in receipt of £174 a week as a lone parent.

Miss Kerry Munro, prosecuting on behalf of Walsall council, told magistrates that staff from the DWP had received information that Edmunds lived with her partner Shaun Price and

that he was in full-time work. Mrs Munro said Edmunds had also applied to be rehoused and claimed to live with her mother and that she was being evicted.

"She used the benefit payments to repay catalogue debts and to buy things for the house."

Mr William Harrison, defending, told the magistrates his client would follow recommendations in the presentence report.

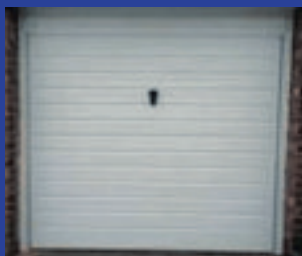
The magistrates gave Edmunds a 12-month Community Order with a requirement to carry out 120 hours of unpaid work plus £450 and a victim's surcharge of £60.

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NEWS

Sew much fun creating new items in project

BAGS and brooches have been crafted from left over fabric in sewing classes being run at a community project.

Cuts of cloth collected at the Mend It project are given a new lease of life. Fabric artist Yvonne Flavell has been leading the free workshops at Green Lane Baptist Church.

"The group is really eager to learn and we are exploring various ideas in the hope of hitting on a product that they really enjoy creating," she said. Thirteen people flocked to the first event.

Sessions are held on Mondays at the church hall in Burrowes Street, Birchills, from 12.45pm to 2.45pm until December 16. The scheme has been funded with the help of a £2,500 grant from Walsall's community development fund.

Hkbar Bibi, aged 60, of Farrington Street, said: "I'm really enjoying making the little bags. I do sew clothes, but it's nice to learn something new."

The church will host its annual Christmas fair on Saturday.



Fabric artist Yvonne Flavell with Hkbar Bibi at the Mend It sewing project

£100 compensation for victim of sexual assault

A MAN who sexually assaulted a teenager as she waited at Walsall Bus Station – sparking a police hunt after the incident was captured on CCTV – has been ordered to pay her compensation.

The 14-year-old was sitting at the premises in St Paul's Street when she was approached by Christopher O'Brien, aged 25, who had been drinking with friends, Walsall Magistrates Court was told.

Miss Maggie Meakin, prosecuting,

said the girl described how she became aware of a group of men near her on June 27.

"She says the next thing she knew was that one of the men groped her."

"She alerted the security staff and O'Brien was then spotted getting on the number 997 bus to Birmingham."

Miss Meakin said the defendant came forward after his image was circulated in the media. She went on to tell the court: "He said he had been drinking with friends. When he was shown the CCTV he agreed that it was him and said he couldn't remember grabbing her breasts."

O'Brien admitted sexual assault at an earlier hearing in October. Mr Philip Haycock, defending O'Brien said he was sorry about what happened and said he had owned up. He told the court: "He is deeply ashamed of himself. He apologises for his actions."

Magistrates sentenced O'Brien, of Kingfisher Drive, Solihull, to a 36-month community order. He must also attend Solihull Integrated Addiction Services. He must pay the victim £100 compensation, was also ordered to pay £85 costs and £60 victim's surcharge and will be on the Sex Offenders' Register for five years.

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Boiler con alert on cold calls

RESIDENTS are being warned about a potential boiler company scam in Walsall. A resident in Walsall recently reported that he received a call from a boiler company saying he was entitled to a free boiler and he was asked to stay on the phone and give personal details.

He was kept on the phone for some time and was asked for personal information such as bank details and his address.

Trading standards officers have today warned residents to beware of any cold calls

they receive, either at their front door or over the telephone.

Councillor Zahid Ali, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for health and public protection, said: "We would urge people not to give out personal information as it might be a scam where you could be conned out of money."

"It is better to be safe than sorry. Anyone who is unsure about the validity of a call or email should seek advice before they give out any information."

Lockmaker's base will be auctioned

THE LANDMARK base of a lock-making firm that closed suddenly with the loss of jobs in September is to be sold, it has emerged.

The former base of Willenhall Locks Ltd will go under the hammer at an auction on December 5 with Cottons.

It has a guide price of between £319,000 and £359,000.

Willenhall Locks and Keys Ltd suddenly fell into administration. It had been a feature in the town since opening in the late 1950s. The firm operated from several industrial units in John Harper Street and also Stringers Lane, Willenhall.

Twenty-eight jobs were lost when the historic firm shut.

Administrators Leonard Curtis has been appointed to handle the firm's affairs.

Willenhall South Councillor Carl Creaney said: "Only a few months ago this company went into liquidation and now it's being sold. I hope we get a buyer and a business that can provide employment. Willenhall is well known for making locks but lockmaking is coming to an end. It's a shame."

Willenhall South Councillor Sean Coughlan added: "I hope whoever buys it creates jobs. We don't want a developer to buy it and turn it into housing. We want jobs for local people."

Eric Cooper worked at the firm for 27



Willenhall Locks Ltd's premises which is going under the hammer

years. He has since landed new employment. He added: "It's sad to see it finally going."

The auction brochure describes the industrial units as 'modern' and 'older-style'. The site also features a yard, workshops, kitchens and a canteen.

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NEWS

Ales well at brewery as business is on increase

A BREWERY that more than tripled its beer production following a £250,000 expansion has invested another £25,000 in equipment after winning new business.

Backyard Brewhouse in Brownhills has increased its brewing capacity from 4,000 to 12,000 pints a week in just over a year. Bosses have now bought two new fermenting vessels to cope with demand and increase capacity to more than 16,000 pints.

By David Banner

to two years, but growth was faster than anticipated," Mr Morgan said.

"At the point we closed to do the expansion, we were doing 4,000 pints a week. We are now doing 12,000 pints a week. This does not include bottle sales."

The brewery, based at the Gatehouse Trading Estate, which celebrated its fifth birthday in June, has also installed a new process chiller to fine-tune the way in which its beers ferment.

The firm's bottled range has also continued to grow in popularity with several specialist wholesalers now stocking its beers.

Brewery bosses took over The Fountain Inn, in Lower Forster Street, last year and reopened the 150-year-old pub after a revamp costing almost £100,000.

Hospital reunion due



Shirley Ingram from Burntwood, who is planning a reunion for staff who worked at the old St Matthew's Hospital

FORMER hospital workers are looking forward to walking down memory lane at a reunion next month. The gathering will mark 23 years since St Matthew's Hospital in Burntwood closed.

The reunion is being held in St Matthew's Sports and Social Club, the original hospital club, on December 6.

Organiser Shirley Ingram, a former staff nurse, said there was a huge camaraderie among the workforce.

"The hospital operated like a little village with partners and other family members also working there. There were staff homes on site and we had our own resident plumbers, carpenters and kitchen staff. We even had our own training school, it was a real community."

The hospital opened in 1864 as a county asylum. From 1940 to 1947 it took emergency military and civilian patients, including soldiers evacuated from Dunkirk. Mrs Ingram, of Woodford Crescent, Burntwood, said more than 100 people had already confirmed their attendance.

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NEWS

Tributes to minister Ron



Former Baptist minister and craftsman Ron Mason, who died aged 90, seen with some of the Welsh love spoons he made

FOR more than 50 years, he led congregations at churches in the Black Country, putting 'faith and acts of kindness' at the centre of his ministry. Tributes were been paid to former Baptist minister Rev Ron Mason, who died just before his 91st birthday. Mr Mason was pastor at Green Lane Baptist Church in Walsall, leaving in December 2007 after 25 years of service. He was also pastor at Halesowen Baptist Church, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen.

The minister was known for his skills in making Welsh love spoons, which he often presented as gifts to couples he married. Family members said Mr Mason was loved by 'absolutely everybody who knew him'.

Daughter Roxy Harris, aged 56, of Halesowen, said: "He was a family man, a great dad and great grandad. But he was also devoted to his church family." Mr Mason grew up in London's East End and as a child he was sent to a sanatorium to recover from TB. He also served in the RAF for three years during the Second World War.

Next spring is set as date for Noddy honour

SLADE star Noddy Holder could be given the freedom of Walsall next spring – if he accepts the offer, it has been revealed.

The musician will become only the 21st person to receive the privilege in 109 years after the council voted unanimously last week to approach the star.

By Simon Stone

Council leader Mike Bird has since revealed the singer would be approached, and it would be spring before anything is organised.

Apart from Three Men In A Boat author Jerome K. Jerome, the honour has been bestowed exclusively on politicians or military regiments since 1975.

The invitation is being made on the 40th anniversary of the release of Merry Xmas Everybody, which went to number one and stayed in the charts until February 1974.

Councillor Bird said: "It's now only right and proper to write to Noddy Holder and invite him to accept this offer. If he wants to do so we

will work with him to sort out a suitable date for this to happen.

Councillor Pete Smith, who has led the campaign, said the frontman should be celebrated both for his achievements with the band and his charity ties with the town. And he called on the council to start preparing for an event to bestow the honour on Noddy.

He said: "I am grateful for the support of many people across Walsall, the Black Country and beyond who backed the call to offer this honour to Noddy Holder. I now hope that Noddy accepts this offer."

Fired up for pallets joy

A SERIES of bonfires held across Walsall have been hailed a success by organisers who have thanked businesses for donating pallets to be burnt. Events were held in Bloxwich, Brownhills and Willenhall and attracted huge crowds.

Park rangers have also been well supported by borough businesses which have donated and delivered hundreds of wooden pallets to help build the bonfires. Councillor Anthony Harris, portfolio holder for leisure and culture with Walsall Council, said: "I'm delighted to say we've had some really good feedback from visitors of all ages."

Head-on crash injuries

A DRIVER was cut free from a car and taken to hospital after a head-on crash police have revealed. The motorist, a man in his 20s, was suffering from back pain after the smash at the junction of Coalpool Lane and Mill Lane in Walsall which happened at about 6.30pm on Monday.

His Volkswagen Polo had been in a collision with a BMW which was travelling in the opposite direction. Firefighters cut the roof off the Polo to free the man. Crew Commander Jason Mace said both vehicles were badly damaged.

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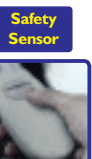
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NEWS

Pupils are counting stars with visit



Year 8 students, from left, Khalid Aswat, aged 12, Firas Hafiz, 12, Muhammad Ehsan, 13, and Hannah Evans, 12, who are in the school Scientific Super Stars group, with Galileo, played by Peter Casey of Blindseer Productions

YOUNG scientists were taken back in time when a historical figure paid them a visit and took over their lessons for the day.

An actor playing Galileo, known as the father of modern physics, was at Aldridge School to help bring science to life for students.

Galileo was an Italian physicist, mathematician, astronomer, and philosopher who achieved improvements to the telescope and consequent astronomical observations on the planets.

Played by actor Peter Casey, he took

By Adam Burling

over lessons during the day explaining Galileo's experiments, conducted 400 years ago and their impact on science in the modern world.

And for year eight scientists including Khalid Aswat, aged 12, Firas Hafiz, 12, Muhammad Ehsan, 13 and Hannah Evans, 12, a special after-school club was held where they were able to talk to Mr Casey, in his role as the scientist, about his discoveries.

Science technician Amanda Watts, who organised the event, said everyone had enjoyed themselves and

added: "It made a real change having an actor in our science lessons teaching our students about scientific discoveries which have had an impact on our understanding of the world ever since."

The pupils loved his sessions and I hope they learned a lot."

Mr Casey stayed in character as Galileo throughout his time at the school. The actor, from the Blindseer Productions group, was given information about the physicist beforehand so he was equipped to answer the youngsters' questions.

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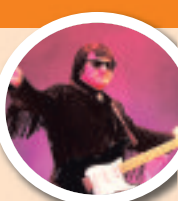
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NEWS

Turning on style to reach national final



Salon director Jamie Richards celebrates reaching the hairdressing finals with Sarah Gething at Richard's Hair

A GREAT Wyrley hairdresser is heading for the final of a national competition. Jamie Richards, a former apprentice from City of Wolverhampton College, is one of just three finalists in ghd's Spotlight competition.

As part of the contest, the 25-year-old director at Richard's Hair in Wardles Lane, posted a photograph of his modern twist on the classic ponytail onto the ghd website.

Jamie, who completed his hairdressing NVQ with the college seven years ago, went forward to the finals after his entry was "liked" by more than 5400 people.

Jamie will compete against the two other finalists in an editorial style photo shoot, for the chance to win a backstage pass to work at London fashion week next February.

The salon still works with City of Wolverhampton College, and currently has two apprentices with them.

Jamie added: "Apprenticeships are great because you get both the knowledge from college and knowledge from the salon. You get a feel for the workplace and how to apply your skills in the real world."

Playground dismantling fears aired

RESIDENTS living near industrial land that will be transformed for a business park project in Walsall spoke of their concerns that a community playground – built at a cost of more than £250,000 – will be dismantled and kept in storage.

Equipment has been installed in Primley Park, Pleck, in two phases over the past decade after families campaigned for a patch of bare land to be turned into a games area.

Walsall Council spent £30,000 in 2003 and a further £227,580 from the lottery's Transforming Your Space programme in 2006 to create the area in Primley Avenue.

Now it will be dismantled under proposals for the Phoenix 10 scheme to create a business park on the old James Bridge IMI Copper site, near the M6, as part of the Black Country Enterprise Zone.

Residents have raised fears over disruption as a result of the works at the 37-acre site next to Alumwell Estate.

Other issues regarded concerns over open casting at the site. Eileen Edwards, resident and former chairman of the Pleck and Alumwell Residents Association said: "We've been told by a councillor for the area that we're losing our park while the open cast mining operation is under way and that this may be for a period of two to three years."

Walsall Council's regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We have repeatedly told the councillors for the area that it will not be open cast mining, as the amount of coal is very small."

Boiler con alert

RESIDENTS are being warned about a potential boiler company scam in Walsall. A resident recently reported that he received a call from a boiler company saying he was entitled to a free boiler and he was asked to stay on the phone and give personal details. He was kept on the phone for some time and was asked for personal information such as bank details and his address.

Trading standards officers have since warned residents to beware of any cold calls they receive. Councillor Zahid Ali, portfolio holder for health and public protection, said: "We would urge people not to give out personal information as it might be a scam. It is better to be safe than sorry. Anyone who is unsure about the validity of a call or email should seek advice before they give out any information."

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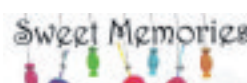
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His businesses now include one of the UK's largest independent garden centres, Hollybush Garden Centre, at Shreshill as well as the country's leading purpose-built recycling facility Jack Moody Landscapes Limited.

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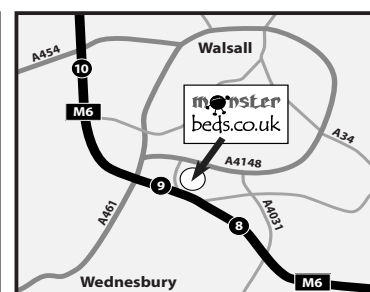
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Empty shop to become hospice site

A NEW hospice charity shop opens in an empty former high street clothing store today (Thursday).

The former Ethel Austin unit in Bloxwich High Street is being converted into a St Giles Hospice superstore to help raise funds for care at the Walsall-based charity.

It is the first of the charity's shops to be launched in Bloxwich.

It is the 30th St Giles Hospice charity shop across the region and profits raised will help to fund vital care services for local people living with cancer and other serious illnesses at the facility in Goscoe.

Head of retail Lynwen Truesdale said: "This is our first shop in Bloxwich and we really hope the people of the town will become regular shoppers and support St Giles. The new superstore will offer a wide range of goods, including a huge selection of high-quality furniture."

Panto fun with lots of variety

ROBIN Hood, Sister Dora and a French magician will all feature in Bookmark Bloxwich's panto.

Walsall's community group Cart Before the Horse is bringing the show to life in a story penned by local poet David Calcutt.

Performances will be on December 13 to 15 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £4 concessions. Call 01922 655900.

Village sets out its festive stall with spectacular event

ALDRIDGE will be celebrating Christmas this year with a spectacular family event on Saturday and the main attraction will be the 'Ice Rink in the Square', suitable for all ages.

And there is free admission and free parking to see the festivities, which include carol singers, free children's rides and Santa is definitely coming to town.

There will be an opportunity for people to show off their Christmas jumpers for a professional family photo-shoot courtesy of Inspire photo studio.

Maria Cooke, who is the Chair of Aldridge Village Business Partnership, from Jewellery & Gifts Ltd said: "Aldridge is the perfect place for all your shopping needs."

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"We have worked hard as a community to ensure Aldridge offers a Variety of shops, fine dining and a welcoming atmosphere."

"Being in retail for over 35 years I always look forward to Christmas and hope this year will be extra special, so please come and join us."

Called the Aldridge Advent Adventure, and running from 11am to 4pm, the event features an entertainment stage on Anchor

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Road. The ice rink runs a little longer, starting at 10am through to 4.30pm.

Other highlights include Animal Mania petting zoo in the High Street, Reach Up climbing frame, also in the High Street and a free children's ride in Anchor Road.

There are also local charity stalls and children's entertainment throughout.

Santa and his helpers will be on hand for children to visit in the square and Aldridge Volunteer Gardeners will also have a stand for people to visit.

Meanwhile, the partnership is also running a special Christmas shopping trail until December 15 and on December 7 there is a Light Up A Life Christmas Service taking place at 4pm in Aldridge Shopping Centre.

For more information on any of the events for Christmas in the village, contact Walsall Council's District Management team on 01922 654326.



Rewarding - Steve Cooper, left from Uniseal in Burntwood, and Andy McLeod from Morespace after their companies donated materials and time to DIY SOS

Firms join together to help sufferer

BIG-HEARTED builders have gone to the rescue of a wheelchair-bound former electrician whose life was devastated after he suffered a stroke.

The father-of-two was forced to give up work after the attack left him paralysed down one side. It also meant his wife had to leave her job to look after him.

Their plight became known to the producers of the popular TV show DIY SOS, presented by Nick Knowles, who have now built the family an extension with the help and generosity of two firms.

Burntwood-based Uniseal and More Space in Lichfield travelled to Warrington, where the family lives, to take part in the show.

The two companies donated all the materials and labour free of charge. The programme is due to be aired in eight months time.

Uniseal's Steve Cooper said: "Before this, David's hospital bed was in the kitchen. This is going to make life so much easier for the whole family and give David back his dignity. He was close to tears when he saw it. It was really rewarding to take part in."

Traffic alert with £30m rebuild of rail bridge

WORK will start next month to rebuild a bridge as part of the £30 million electrification of the Chase Line - that could cause months of traffic delays.

The bridge in Station Road, Hednesford will be closed to all traffic on December 15. It will open the following day but close again for three months from January 4.

Work on the bridge, a project likely to cost around £1.1 million, is expected to finish in April. The scheme began with work to upgrade the bridge in Bloxwich last week.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson, who also sits on Hednesford Town Council, welcomed the move. He said: "We are all in favour of electrification. The idea is to speed up journeys."

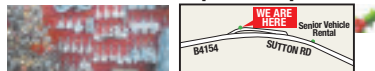
The bridge in Station Road is just one of many that will be rebuilt or modified to allow for the electrification of the train line.

Demolition works started last at the Broad Lane bridge in Bloxwich.

Once all bridge works have been completed, electrification work will get under way in 2015 with the overall multi-million pound scheme set for completion in late 2017.

It will see the installation of 15 miles of overhead cables. Diesel trains will also be replaced by electric ones. Drivers are being warned that the work could lead to disruptions for drivers.

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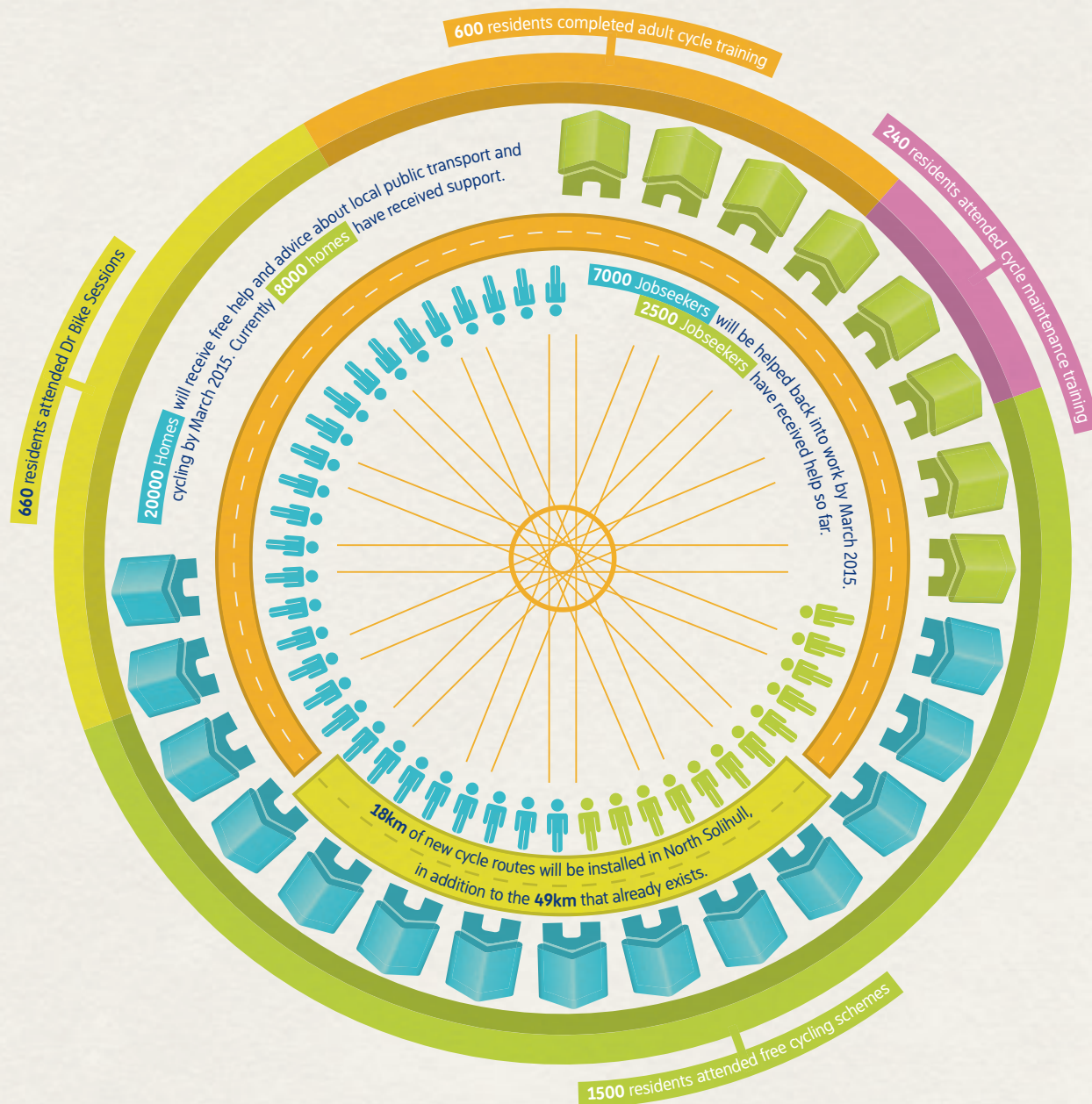
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Snow stopping fun for pantomime fans



Wyrley Pretenders get ready for their pantomime The Snow Queen, from left Richard Dudley-Mowe, Theresa Malpass, Dan Hall, Bea Crimmins and Nicole Malpass

A NIGHT of family fun is promised by Wyrley Pretenders when they put on their latest pantomime this week.

The Snow Queen, based on the story by Hans Christian Anderson, will be full of laughter and popular songs tickets, director Shaun Malpass said.

Tickets for the show tonight (Thursday), Friday and Saturday at Great Wyrley High School are £5. Curtains are up at 7.15pm and for ticket information call 07594525836.

Builder takes on council in legal fight over homes

A LEADING developer claims council bosses have seriously underestimated the number of new homes that will be needed in a village near Walsall over the next 15 years.

Builder Ken Lees has legally challenged South Staffordshire District Council in the High Court over its assessment that 56 new homes will be required in Great Wyrley between now and 2028.

The figure is contained in the council's local plan which all planning authorities are required to submit to the government.

It outlines how the council intends to develop its land over a certain period.

Equates

Mr Lees said Great Wyrley has sufficient infrastructure – such as rail and road links, shops, schools and other facilities – for substantially more housing.

He described the estimate of 56 as 'ridiculous', saying the figure did not compare fairly with other villages in the district. The 77-year-old businessman said: "The natural expansion of the town requires a quota higher than that."

"This equates to just three units of housing a year."

"What about all the youngsters? Where are they going to live? A figure as low as 56 will force them to move out of the village."

Under the plan, Codsall

by Marion Brennan

has been allocated 222 homes, Perton 166, Pittingham 22, Kinver 91, Wombourne 256, Swindon 23, Coven 32, Wheaton Aston 32, Cheslyn Hay 107, Essington 23 and Featherstone 40.

This earmarked development will take out more than 100 acres of green belt land in total, said Mr Lees.

Mr Lees, who was brought up in Great Wyrley, and his company, KGL Estates Ltd, Swaffield Park, has taken South Staffordshire Council to the High Court in Birmingham.

David Pattison, the council's director of legal and public health protection, said: "KGL Estates, as a large landowner in Great Wyrley, wanted a much larger number of houses to be built in Great Wyrley."

"The council has defended this challenge strongly. We strongly disagree with KGL's view."

"The council's case is that the allocation of 56 houses to Great Wyrley was a very carefully considered decision, based on a large number of factors."

The High Court's judgment is expected before Christmas.

Ring road works due

SEWER works on Walsall ring road will be relaunched in the new year after a hose used by contractors got stuck underground. Severn Trent Water originally completed urgent repairs to a collapsed sewer, in Bescot Road, near junction nine of the M6 three weeks ago.

But during those works a hose being used by a private contractor became lodged in the sewer system causing a blockage in nearby Wallows Lane on the ring road.

Severn Trent Water spokesman Sarah McArthur said: "While a private contractor was carrying out work, a section of their hose became lodged in the sewer. In order to retrieve the hose, we've already dug down more than two metres, but we now suspect that it is trapped more than six metres underground. There are no roadworks over Christmas."



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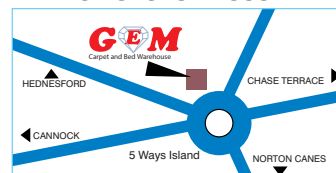
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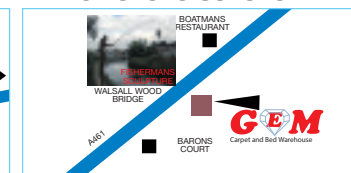
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What's On!

Magnificent sevens set for New Alex

BIRMINGHAM New Alexandra Theatre hosts a new version of a classic American musical early in the new year.

Seven Brides with former East-End actor and Dancing On Ice champion Sam Attwater and Helena Blackman, a How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria finalist, is on from February 3 to 8.

The toe-tapping frontier musical is described as a high energy production by award-winning American director and choreographer Patti Colombo.

Wendy ready to fly off with Peter Pan

EXCITEMENT is growing over the Royal Shakespeare Company's new version of much-loved children's fantasy Peter Pan, which will be staged in Stratford from December 10 to March 2.

Entitled Wendy and Peter Pan, Ella Hickson's adaptation of JM Barrie's classic aims to keep all the magic of Neverland whilst providing a few twists and surprises. Holby City actor Guy Henry will be swapping his surgeon's scalpel for a sword to play the dastardly Captain Hook.

Susan's dream tour

JUST as Meryl Streep is rumoured to be playing her in a biopic, singing sensation Susan Boyle has announced a 2014 UK tour including dates at Birmingham Symphony Hall on April 2 and Stoke's Regent Theatre on April 10.

Panto time again, oh yes it is, as there's nothing like a dame

Gok tells who is the fairest of them all

THERE is no doubt who will decide the fairest of them all when TV fashionista Gok Wan appears in Birmingham's pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The 39-year-old star of Gok's Fashion Fix, Gok's Style Secrets and How To Look Good Naked will be making his panto debut in the UK's biggest festive show.

But it's not the only major show in Birmingham this Christmas with several panto alternatives on offer.

The refurbished Birmingham Rep is staging Charles Dickens classic A Christmas Carol from now until January 4. Meanwhile, The Old Rep has Tom's Midnight Garden until January 25.

Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre hosts a musical alternative to Ghost.

The tale of love conquering death is a blend of impressive special effects, music, romance and comedy including the timeless hit song Unchained Melody.

It is on from December 17 to January 5.



Snow White and the Wicked Queen will get style advice from Gok Wan as The Man in the Mirror in Birmingham Hippodrome's pantomime this festive season

CERI Dupree and Gary Wilmott will battle it out in the war of the dames when the region's big two pantomimes open next month.

Ceri plays Queen Passionella in Sleeping Beauty at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, co-starring with funnyman Joe Pasquale as Muddles and Coronation Street's Lucy Evans as Princess Beauty. The Grand panto opens on Saturday, December 7, and runs until January 8.

Meanwhile, Birmingham Hippodrome will host the UK's biggest panto with its star-studded version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

West End star Gary Wilmott will be putting on the frocks to play the dame in a production that features TV fashion guru Gok Wan as The Man In The Mirror and Dynasty actress Stephanie Beacham as the Wicked Queen. Over The Rainbow winner Danielle Hope, who played Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium, is Snow White.

The panto, featuring further comic support from ventriloquist Paul Zerdin as Muddles and Matt Slack as Oddjob, will run at the Hurst Street venue from Thursday, December 19, to February 2.

To book for Sleeping Beauty call 01902 429212 or to book for Snow White call 0844 338 5000, or see the theatres' websites.



Ceri Dupree, dame in the Grand's Sleeping Beauty



Gary Wilmott in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Hands on as band support themselves

AWARD-WINNING band Show of Hands is coming to Wolverhampton next month as part of the Devon group's celebration of 21 years making music.

Coming towards the end of a 30-date tour, SoH will be playing the Wulfrun Hall on December 4 in one of the band's last gigs until autumn next year.

The partnership of multi-talented Steve Knightley and Phil Beer will be teaming up with Miranda Sykes to not only play as a band but to be their own support too.

The show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 and available on 0870 320 7000 or online at www.wolvescivic.co.uk and subject to booking fees.

Railway Children arrive at town hall

STOURBRIDGE Theatre Company bring their version of classic family drama The Railway Children to the stage at Stourbridge Town Hall from tonight (Thursday) until Saturday, including Saturday matinee.

Dave Simpson has adapted E Nesbit's novel. Tickets cost £9 (concessions £8) and £5 for children aged 14 and under. Tickets are available from The French Deli, Dudley Council Plus, or via 01384 812812.

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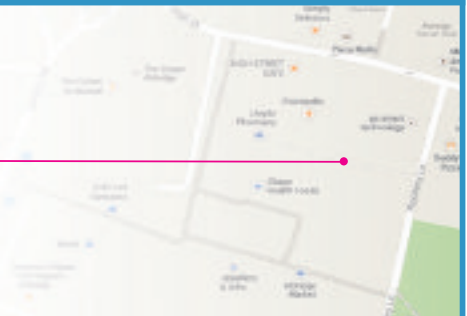
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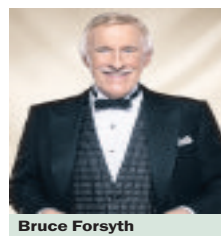
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SATURDAY'S TV 30.11.13

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Bruce Forsyth

Strictly Come Dancing

BBC1, 7pm
So far we've had the romance of a love week and the frights of Halloween – now the seven remaining couples will be paying homage to musicals from stage and screen. If the routines turn out to be more worthy of a Golden Raspberry award than an Oscar, there will at least be a group dance by the professionals to the title song from Cole Porter's classic Anything Goes. No doubt judges Len Goodman, Darcy Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood will be on their feet applauding after that. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Food & Drink. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **1.15** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Gabby Logan meets cycling star Becky James. **1.45** Live Rugby League World Cup Final. Coverage from Old Trafford (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** My Family Christmas Special. (R) **6.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.15** Pointless Celebrities. With Graeme Garden, Dan Snow, Susie Dent, and Germaine Greer. **7.00** Strictly Come Dancing. The twinkle-toed contestants celebrate songs from musicals as they take another step closer to lifting the glitterball trophy. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present. **8.15** Atlantis. Medusa is kidnapped and held to ransom. **9.00** Casually. Fletch races to save two boys from a dangerous predator, while Sam helps a former wartime spy regain her home and Ash treats a girl who has accidentally eaten her pet cat's ashes. **9.50** The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results. **10.00** BBC News: Weather. **10.20** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Cardiff City v Arsenal; National Lottery Update. **11.40** The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.00** Film: Dean Spanley. (2008) **8.35** Film: On the Town. (1949) **10.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.40** The Life of Birds. (R) **11.30** Refugees of the Lost Rainforest. **12.00** The Great British Bake Off Christmas Masterclass. (R) **1.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Coverage of the first round at the Barbican Centre in York. **4.30** Live International Rugby Union. Wales v Australia (Kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Jonathan Davies – Trimsaran Boy. Profile of former rugby player Jonathan Davies. **8.00** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring organises a dance in an attempt to boost platoon morale, but Pike interrupts proceedings to make an important announcement regarding his girlfriend Violet. (R) **8.30** The Secret Life of Mary Poppins: A Culture Show Special. Victoria Coren Mitchell explores the life of author P. L. Travers, whose books the film Mary Poppins was based on. **9.30** Q1 XL. Extended edition. Janet Street-Porter, Sandi Toksvig and Johnny Vegas join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of kinky. **10.15** Film: Carnage. (2011) Premiere. Black comedy, with Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz and John C. Reilly. **11.35** Snooker: UK Championship. Action from the opening round at the Barbican Centre in York. **12.25** Snooker: UK Championship Extra. **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.15** Text Santa: Help with Hattitude. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.45** Text Santa: Help with Hattitude. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** TV News: Weather. **11.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.35** Film: Holiday On the Buses. (1973) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.15** Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001) **6.05** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** New You've Been Framed! Featuring babysitting tips from a cross-dressing father. **7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. With Eric Bristow, Sammy Winder, Nadine Dorries and Ed Byrne. **8.00** The X Factor. With places in next week's semi-final at stake, the pressure has never been higher as the acts each perform two songs – one of them chosen by the public. Dermot O'Leary hosts. **9.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! The latest eliminated contestant talks to Ant and Dec about their time in the camp, and the Georgie duo present the usual round-up of highlights from the past 24 hours. **10.50** The Jonathan Ross Show. Celebrity interviews. **11.50** TV News: Weather. **12.05** Take Me Out. (R) **1.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 FIA GT Series. **7.05** Volleyball. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Heston's Gothic Horror Feast. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.35** Channel 4 News. **7.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson and his team are haunted by a mysterious force that threatens to destroy them all, and only a secret from May's past can save them. (R) **8.00** The Lakes: Walking Through History. Tony Robinson walks 50 miles from Penrith to Ambleside and on to the Irish Sea at Ravenglass, exploring how the Romans conquered the Lake District. **9.00** Charlie Brooker's How Videogames Changed the World. The broadcaster delves into the history of the games industry and celebrates some of its most significant titles, joined by Jonathan Ross, Dara O Briain and leading designers. **11.05** Indie Game: The Movie. Following the development of three independent video games. **1.10** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.55** Fresh Meat. (R) **2.40** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.45** 90210. **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.35** Sluggerra. **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.10** Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic. (R) **12.10** Film: Trading Christmas. (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Faith Ford and Gill Bellows. **1.55** Film: Christmas Mail. (2010) Premiere. Festive romantic comedy, starring Ashley Scott and AJ Buckley. **3.45** Film: The Christmas Gift. (2009) Festive drama, starring Dean Cain. **5.40** Film: Meet the Santas. (2005) Fantasy comedy sequel, with Steve Gutterberg. **7.20** Film: A Carol Christmas. (2003) A TV talk-show host gets a shock when three spirits each pay her a visit to teach her a valuable lesson. Festive comedy drama, with Tori Spelling, Dinah Manoff and Michael Landes. Edited for language. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** The Bible. New series. Drama based on the major events of the holy scriptures, beginning with Noah telling his children how the world was created. Starring David Rintoul. **10.55** Film: Heartbreak Ridge. (1996) A hellraising US Marine is assigned to whip a squad of recruits into shape for the invasion of Grenada. Action adventure, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Marsha Mason. **1.25** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.05** Goering's Last Secret: Revealed. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Doctor Who **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Bruce Almighty (2003) **10.35** Russell Howard's Good News **11.05** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Frozen Planet **8.00** Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Queens of British Pop
ITV2
3.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.00** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **6.55** Film: Apollo 13 (1995) **9.45** The Xtra Factor **10.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.50** Fake Reaction
ITV3
2.40 Film: The Likely Lads (1976) **4.30** Film: Columbo: Lovely but Lethal (1973) **6.00** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Film: Interview with the Vampire (1994)
ITV4
12.45 Live Darts. The Players Championship. **5.00** GT Academy **6.00** I Want That Car. Featuring a Jaguar XF and a BMW 3-Series. **7.00** Live Darts. The Players Championship. **11.30** Film: 8 Mile (2002)
E4
3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.05** Rules of Engagement **5.05** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **9.00** Film: The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **11.35** The Inbetweeners Film4
2.40 17 Again (2009) **4.35** Planet of the Apes (1968) **6.45** Marley and Me (2008) Comedy drama, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston. **9.00** Babylon AD (2008) Sci-fi adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **10.45** Kick-Ass (2010)

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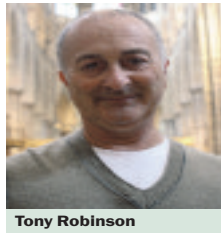
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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 1.12.13

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Tony Robinson

1066: The Lost Battlefield – A Time Team Special Channel 4, 8pm

This one-off focuses on where the Battle of Hastings was fought in 1066. The title of the conflict should give archaeologists a major clue, but apparently no evidence for it has ever been found – so have they been barking up the wrong tree all these years? Tony Robinson looks on as a dig once again comes up with nothing – but cutting edge aerial technology could hold the key to unlocking secrets a thousand years old, including why Harold lost, and William became a conqueror.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Susan Boyle. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** EastEnders. **3.10** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. **3.30** Bargain Hunt. **4.15** Escape to the Country. **5.15** Songs of Praise. David Grant joins the festive preparations on the Isle of Man. **5.50** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.20** Countryfile. Testing out the Peak District leg of next year's Tour de France. **7.20** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Alfie Boe performs a song from Les Miserables. **8.00** The Paradise. Katherine learns the truth about her marriage, an innocent proposal leaves Clara questioning who she really is and Denise's suspicions about Moray and Katherine are confirmed. **9.00** Britain and the Sea. David Dimbleby follows the trade routes of the west coast of Scotland, sailing down a waterway designed by East Lothian engineer John Rennie and boarding a Clyde puffer. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United. **11.45** The Sky at Night. The team hunts for Comet Ison. **12.05** Weatherwatch. **12.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.05** Film: Battle Cry. (1955) **9.30** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **10.00** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **10.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **12.45** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **1.30** Live Snooker: UK Championship. The second round continues. **5.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. (R) **6.00** Flog It! The team meets people keen to sell their antiques at auction in Weston-super-Mare, and Paul Martin learns about the town's history. (R) **7.00** Cuba with Simon Reeve. How economic liberalisation has affected Cubans and their society. (R) **8.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo travels from Bordeaux to Bilbao. Last in the series. **9.00** Morecambe and Wise: The Whole Story. Part two of a look at how Eric and Ernie bounced back from the failure of their first TV series to become the nation's most popular entertainers. Dean Lennox Kelly narrates. **10.30** Hebburn. Joe and Dot take advantage of the extra freedom when Pauline goes away. (R) **11.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Warwick Davis hosts, with Tom Fletcher, Emma Willis, Alfie Boe and Chris Ramsey. (R) **11.30** Snooker: UK Championship. Highlights from the Barbican Centre in York. **12.20** Snooker: UK Championship Extra. **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.15** Holly City. (R) **4.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.15** Text Santa: Help with Hattitude. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.45** Text Santa: Help with Hattitude. (R) **7.50** Victorious. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **10.30** Sunday Side Up. **11.30** Sunday Scoop. **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Countrywise. (R) **12.55** Inside the National Trust. **1.55** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.55** The X Factor. (R) **4.40** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **5.40** Prize Island. Game show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Emma Willis. Last in the series. **6.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** Surprise Surprise. Cilla Black and Rod Stewart take part. Last in the series. **8.00** The X Factor Results. Featuring performances by James Arthur and Rebecca Ferguson. **9.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! The campers battle hunger, the jungle and each other as they try to escape the island. **10.30** ITV News: Weather. **10.45** Off Their Rockers. An OAP attempts escapology for the first time. (R) **11.15** Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the weekend's top-flight fixtures. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The American Football Show. **7.05** FIA GT Series. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** Gadget Man. (R) **3.25** Film: Monster-in-Law. (2005) **5.25** Film: Sister Act. (1992) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg. **7.25** Channel 4 News. **7.55** The Political Slot. **8.00** 1066: The Lost Battlefield – A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson and the team embark on excavations at Battle Abbey and nearby Caldbec Hill in an attempt to uncover the true location of the Battle of Hastings. **9.00** Homeland. Carrie reunites with Brody, but the circumstances are more difficult than either of them could have imagined. Meanwhile, Saul receives good news from an unlikely source. **10.00** Rock Night: 50 Years of Rock Excess – Amps, Whips and Rebel Riffs. The history of the enduring music genre, telling the story of how the giant bands of the 1970s changed rock for ever. **11.10** Rock Night: Queens of the Stone Age – iTunes Festival Special. The rock group perform at the Roundhouse in London. **12.05** Rock Night: Queen – Live at Wembley. A performance from 1986. (R) **1.10** American Football Live. Washington Redskins v New York Giants (Kick-off 1.30am). **4.50** KOTV Boxing Weekly. (R) **5.20** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Choo's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Miao. (R) **7.45** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Sluggers. **11.15** Jungle Babies: Tarsier Tails. (R) **11.45** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.45** Film: I'll Be Home for Christmas. (1998) **2.30** Film: Snow Dogs. (2002) **4.20** Film: Happy Feet. (2006) **6.20** 5 News Weekend. **6.25** Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. **9.00** Film: Warrior. (2011) Premiere. Two estranged brothers enter a mixed martial arts tournament, which gradually brings them into conflict with each other. Drama, with Joel Edgerton. **11.45** Treblinka: Inside Hitler's Secret Death Camp. British archaeologists excavate the site of the concentration camp. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Jack Whitehall Live **10.00** Family Guy **10.25** The Revolution Will Be Televised **10.55** Family Guy **11.20** American Dad! **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four **7.00** Rick Stein Tastes the Blues **8.00** Danny Boy: The Ballad That Bewitched the World **9.00** The Man Who Brought the Blues to Britain: Big Bill Broonzy **10.00** Film: Of Gods and Men (2010) **11.55** Blues America
ITV2 **3.40** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **4.45** Film: The Little Vampire (2000) **6.45** Film: Small Soldiers (1998) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Film: State of Play (2009)
ITV3 **2.30** A Touch of Frost **4.30** Inspector Morse **6.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A college reunion takes a tragic turn when a guest is found murdered. **11.00** Blue Murder
ITV4 **12.45** Live Darts. **5.00** Police, Camera, Action! **5.30** Storage Wars **6.00** Duck Dynasty **7.00** Live Darts. **11.00** The Power of Darts
E4 **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** Rules of Engagement **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) **10.00** Rude Tube: Extreme Rides **11.00** The Inbetweeners **11.40** Drifters
Film4 **3.05** The Last Mimzy (2007) **4.55** Gallipoli (1981) **7.05** The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud (2010) **9.00** Knight and Day (2010) **11.10** Crazy Heart (2009)

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MONDAY

Training Day, ITV, 11.10pm

A cop embarks on his first day in narcotics, partnering a seasoned officer whose willingness to flout the rules forces him to question everything he has learnt. As they resort to extreme measures to crack a case, the rookie is left battling his conscience in a dangerous situation. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn and Tom Berenger. (2001)

TUESDAY

The American President, ITV, 11.35pm

The US president embarks on a relationship with an environmental lobbyist – but his delighted opponents jump at the chance to drag the pair through the gutter press, putting their romance and his career in jeopardy. Rob Reiner's political comedy, starring Michael Douglas, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen, Richard Dreyfuss and Michael J Fox. Written by Aaron Sorkin, who would later return to the White House as creator of The West Wing. (1995)



Training Day, Monday, ITV, 11.10pm

WEDNESDAY

Snatch, Channel 5, 10pm

An unlicensed boxing promoter and his dim-witted sidekick convince an Irish gypsy to step in for their injured fighter, but find themselves drawn into a match-fixing racket. Meanwhile, the loot from a diamond heist goes missing, leading to a bloody conflict between Russian gangsters and a Jewish mob. Guy Ritchie's comedy drama, with Jason Statham, Brad Pitt, Benicio Del Toro, Mike Reid, Jason Flemyng, Alan Ford and Vinnie Jones. (2000)

THURSDAY

Three Wise Women, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A successful doctor is preparing to get married, but does not realise she is settling for the wrong man. At Christmas, she receives a visit from her guardian angel, who tries to stop her making a terrible mistake – with the aid of the medic's younger selves. Fantasy, starring Amy Huberman and Fionnula Flanagan. (2010)

FRIDAY

The Grudge 2, ITV, 11.10pm

After barely surviving a fire that burned a cursed Tokyo house to the ground, Karen Davis is recovering in hospital. Karen's sister Aubrey travels to Japan to bring her home, but her investigation into the suspicious events leading up to her sibling's injury sets Aubrey on a frantic mission to prevent menacing supernatural beings from reaching the US. Horror sequel, with Amber Tamblyn, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Edison Chen and Arielle Kebbel. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Robbie swings back into the nation's hearts

Many Robbie Williams fans have their favourite standout gig, whether it's his 2001 Royal Albert Hall show, in which he belted out classic Swing When You're Winning tracks, or the 2003 Knebworth show, captured on the DVD What We Did Last Summer.

Obviously there's been a lot of water under the bridge since then, with his contribution to Take That's superb Progress tour, and his more recent solo work.

For many, his take on Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr's classics was a career highlight 12 years ago, and on November 8 there was a sense that things had come full circle.

Of course not everyone was able to get to the London Palladium to witness his latest evening of swing music, so Robbie Williams One Night at the Palladium is a chance to see what you missed.

Performing tracks from new album Swings Both Ways, he is joined by special guests Lily Allen and Rufus Wainwright and Muppets Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy.

"Moi is always thrilled to perform at the Palladium, no matter how I have to share the stage with," remarked the porcine superstar. "But being up there with moi's dear friend Robbie Williams and Kermie will make this night even more spectacular!"

Well, quite.

Williams has suffered many highs and lows since he last belted out a load of swing classics for a paying audience.

In 2002, his mammoth £80million contract with EMI was one of the biggest music deals in history.

The album Escapology, co-penned with Guy Chambers, included a couple of crackers in Come Undone and Feel. Both peaked at number four in the UK charts, while the album itself was a huge hit worldwide, topping the charts in more than a dozen countries, including here.

His 2005 album Intensive Care was also a global smash, but a year later many fans were disappointed with his follow-up, Rudebox.

Despite impressive production from the likes of Mark Ronson and the Pet

Shop Boys, it looked like Robbie pre-empted his fate and 'came undone'.

By 2009 he scraped back some credibility with the album Reality Killed the Video Star, a project boosted by the work of super producer Trevor Horn.

Admittedly the track Morning Sun struggled in the UK charts, but Bodies was much stronger, hitting number 2.

In 2010, his long-awaited reunion with Take That saw Williams back on form, both on the album Progress, and their stunning tour, which left each of the five band members a reported £7million better off.

Having healed a much-publicised rift with Gary Barlow, their duet Shame won over Take That fans, while Barlow-penned 2012 track Candy saw Robbie back at the top of the charts for the first time since 2004's Radio.

Now, with old mate Guy Chambers back on board as songwriter, it looks like the 39-year-old has bounced back from the brink once more.

So, if this new century keeps bringing you down, settle back and enjoy as one of Blighty's greatest showmen works his magic once more.



Robbie Williams One Night at the Palladium, Friday, BBC1, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

A Great British Christmas with Sarah Beeny Channel 4, 8pm

Should Kirstie Allsopp be feeling worried? For the past couple of years, she's normally cropped up on Channel 4 in December with her own festive special. But this year, she's been gazzumped by fellow property expert Sarah Beeny, who is getting in first with her own off-Christmas documentary. Sarah, her artist husband Graham Swift and their four children are exploring how festive celebrations have changed over the past 200 years. They are particularly keen to discover how previous generations would have marked the season in their stately home, Rise Hall in East Yorkshire, which the clan have spent 10 years restoring. However, they'll also be looking further afield for yuletide rituals, as they learn more about the historical context of everything from garlands to cards.

Ripper Street

BBC1, 9pm

Poor Drake. His work life is beset by violence and the sight of grisly deaths – and now it seems he won't be getting much comfort in his home life. Since Ripper Street returned to our screens, Drake has been happily married to Bella – but a blast from her past is about to turn their world upside down. Meanwhile, Reid asks Jewish mathematician Isaac Bloom for help when it becomes clear that somebody is trying to upset the fragile peace among Whitechapel's diverse communities by burning the local churches and synagogues to the ground. Reid has dealt with many weird occurrences during his police career, but what Bloom tells him

about these attacks would shock even the most hard-bitten and hard-hearted detective...

TUESDAY

Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve BBC2, 9pm

Having navigated the Equator and the Indian Ocean, surely it was time for Simon Reeve to explore somewhere closer to home. The affable presenter does just that in his new series, which sees him retracing the adventures of our ancestors. The series commences with Reeve embarking on a 500-mile journey from Lindisfarne to Canterbury. From there, he travels to Lincoln and London, where he joins up with Chaucer fans for the last leg, made famous by the Canterbury Tales. Along the way, Reeve uncovers the real reason that many medieval peasants undertook pilgrimages: it was an excuse to leave their working lives behind and see the country – something most of us can appreciate today.

WEDNESDAY

28 Up South Africa ITV, 10.35pm

Over the years – and there have been quite a few of them – the Up series has made for sensational viewing and been massively influential. Ever since 1964, the documentary, originally a social study, has returned every seven years to focus on a varied group of people. It has been a huge hit with audiences. Tonight, we're

updated on the personal journeys of a group of young people born in South Africa during the apartheid era. The country in the meantime has become fully integrated, and those same children are now 28. We're about to hear how new opportunities have opened up for them as they've journeyed through their 20s, and how they now lead very different lives. Among them, Lizette says her coal-mining town is the worst place on Earth, while Olwethu discusses her marriage, and Willem talks sport now that he's a rugby union international for the Springboks.

THURSDAY

Keeping Britain Safe 24/7 BBC1, 8.30pm

Most of us go through life without giving much of a second thought to what barriers stand between us and catastrophe at any given moment. This documentary pays tribute to the unsung individuals who keep those barriers in place, through their tireless work – be they the firefighters kept busy on Bonfire Night or the midwives dealing with an autumnal baby boom. Julia Bradbury and Matt Allwright are the presenters championing their causes, and they also turn the spotlight

on railway workers that keep the country moving in the face of those dreaded leaves on the line.

FRIDAY

Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom BBC2, 9pm

It's safe to say, we're a little bit jealous of wildlife filmmakers Gordon Buchanan and Justine Evans, who are currently enjoying exploring deep into the little-known jungle wilderness of Burma. Still, it might not be quite the same thing, but at least we get to follow them every step of the way with this series. In the second instalment, Gordon and Justine make their way into the mountains of western Burma in search of the sun bear, the Asian golden cat and the clouded leopard. Meanwhile, zoologist Ross Piper and his team continue their mission to form a wildlife survey in the hope that they'll eventually present it to the government of Burma, and undercover filming in a border town leads them to a shocking discovery.

Live at the Apollo

BBC1, 9.30pm

It's not like 8 Out of 10 Cats star Sean Lock struggles as a comedian, but if the punchlines ever did dry up he could have a career as an impressionist – at least he does if this edition of the stand-up show is anything to go by, which sees him adopt an eerily convincing Bruce Forsythe and a suitably over-the-top Bruno Tonioli. That's before showing off his compering skills by introducing sets by grumpy stand-up Roshan Ranganathan and actor and funnyman Marcus Brigstocke (who proves he actually has a pretty good Columbo up his sleeve).

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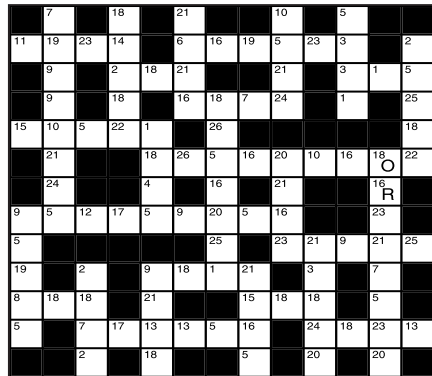
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
M	G	V	Y	H	J	W	C	L	B	K	E	A
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
T	I	X	U	Z	Q	O	S	P	R	N	D	F

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

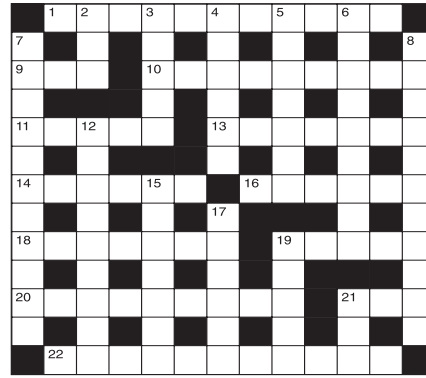
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Natural tendency for the allocation of one's property (11)
- This makes revolutionary processes easier (3)
- Hurried back to restrict food supplies - that's the story (9)
- To cause aversion, make somebody retire (5)
- Disguised Belgian often seen in Calcutta (7)
- Scandinavian article served in a dish (6)
- The prognosticator a clearly divine revelation (6)
- Go in search of strong drink, we hear - it provides vegetable food (3-4)
- The settlement will be to his advantage (5)
- He puts the destination on the top covers (4-7)
20. To bring in a busy worker is of considerable consequence (9)
- Meadow showing endless foliage (3)
22. He puts the destination on the top covers (4-7)

Down

- 2 & 15 Dn. Describing the show with badly cast leading actors? (3-7)
- A list of jurors from Nepal (5)
- The writer needs a bed in the south-east (6)
- Coach gives the terrain a different look (7)
- Few will be involved in this kind of government (9)
- This couldn't be expected from an enemy vessel! (11)
- Opposed to a state set-up - make it a free land! (4-7)
- Ananas - a conifer bearing fruit (9)
- See 2 Down
- Make good representative with a distinctive bearing (6)
- Crowns that are monastically unlocked? (5)
- Falsely state the position of the golf-ball (3)



Quick Clues:

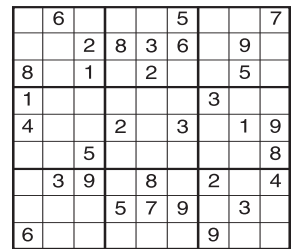
Across

- Explorers (11)
- Favourite (3)
- Respectable (9)
- Disagreeable (5)
- Determine (7)
- Carry to excess (6)
- Have ambitions (6)
- Performer (7)
- Ate dinner (5)
- Amuse (9)
- Study (3)
- Unceremonious (4,3,4)

Down

- Suitable (3)
- Robust (5)
- Divulge (6)
- Hates (7)
- Uprising (9)
- Dogmatic (11)
- Eternal (5-6)
- Watcher (9)
- Merit (7)
- Keep (6)
- Dullard (5)
- Type of lettuce (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7	9	6	2	1	5	3	4	8
8	4	9	1	2	3	7	6	5
2	1	7	6	5	4	9	8	3
5	6	3	8	9	7	1	2	4
6	5	1	3	4	2	8	9	7
9	8	4	7	6	1	5	3	2
3	7	2	5	8	9	4	1	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Flag; 3 Priority; 9 Epigram; 10 Theta; 11 Boiled sweets; 13 Touchy; 15 Salami; 17 Point-to-point; 20 Drive; 21 Article; 22 Linesmen; 23 Ores. Down: 1 Fleabite; 2 Alibi; 4 Remiss; 5 On the warpath; 6 Inertia; 7 Year; 8 Free thinkers; 12 Listless; 14 Utopian; 16 Strafe; 18 Incur; 19 Idol. QUICK - Across: 1 Go by; 3 Prodigal; 9 Dismiss; 10 Surge; 11 Posthumously; 13 Endear; 15 Escape; 17 Contemptible; 20 Ocean; 21 Drought; 22 Steadier; 23 Stay. Down: 1 Godspeed; 2 Basis; 4 Resume; 5 Disquisition; 6 Gorilla; 7 Lees; 8 Disheartened; 12 Recently; 14 Diocese; 16 Smudge; 18 Bight; 19 Toss.



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Kitchen/Diner 19' 5" x 10' 3" (5.933m x 3.133m) - Range of wall and base units, work surface, 2 double glazed rear facing windows, one and half sink and drainer with a mixer tap, part laminate effect floor, 2 double radiators, door to side passageway/potential utility, door to pantry, dining area.

Side passageway and potential utility - Upvc front facing door, doors to wc and brick built storage, rear facing window, rear facing upvc door to garden.

Wc - Front facing window, low flush wc.

First Floor Landing - Double glazed side facing window, doors leading to bedrooms 1, 2, 3, bathroom and airing cupboard.

Bedroom One 13' 4" x 10' 3" (4.081m x 3.147m) - Double glazed rear facing window, double radiator, door to built in wardrobe.

Bedroom Two 10' 9" x 10' 4" (3.304m x 3.166m) - Double glazed front facing window, double radiator, door to built in wardrobe.

Bedroom Three 8' 9" x 7' 8" (2.694m x 2.359m) - Double glazed side facing window, double radiator.

Bathroom - Offset corner shower cubicle and electric shower over, double radiator, low flush wc, sink and pedestal, double glazed rear facing window.

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First-time buyers boost with village development



Hatherton Place, a development from Morris Homes, in Cheslyn Hay, with two-bedroom homes starting from £119,800

MORRIS Homes is urging first-time buyers in South Staffordshire to take advantage of its Great Start scheme to get on the property ladder with a deposit of just five per cent.

The initiative is available at Morris' Hatherton Place development in Cheslyn Hay to help local people buy their first home, and is only available to people who live and work in South Staffordshire.

With new figures showing 63 per cent of people delay buying a home because they are worried about raising a big enough deposit, the scheme can help first-time buyers get on the move sooner than they thought.

Buyers using Great Start only need five per cent of the value of the property as a deposit to secure a new home at the New Horse Road development. Morris will then provide a loan of a further 20 per cent to use as a deposit.

With a combined deposit of 25 per cent the buyer is able to access a greater range of mortgages with lower interest rates, providing the extra assistance needed to get onto the property ladder.

Under the scheme, buyers own the full property. The loan is interest-free for the first five years, and needs to be paid back over 10 years or when the house is sold.

The initiative is only available to first-time buyers with a maximum household income of £60,000, and is offered on a selection of two-bedroom Budworth properties at Hatherton Place. Cindy Cade, regional sales director for Morris, said: "Our Great Start scheme is ideal for local buyers in South Staffordshire that are struggling to get on the property ladder, as it can make it easier for them to secure a mortgage."

Hatherton Place combines a tranquil village location with convenient access for commuting into Cannock, Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent. The two-bedroom homes available at the site with Great Start are on sale from £149,750 or £119,800 with the scheme.

For more information about the homes and offers at Hatherton Place visit New Horse Road, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall, WS6 7BH, call 01922 419 033 or visit morrishomes.co.uk

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Lot 2 Weston Street Walsall

Viewing: 28 Nov & 5 Dec at 11am



A Victorian 2 bed mid terraced residence with central heating offering an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor, conveniently located in a popular residential area. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Yard, Rear Garden.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

Lot 3 Tamworth Road Kingsbury

Viewing: 30 Nov & 10 Dec 2pm



A converted first floor flat ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor. Situated on the outskirts of the village of Kingsbury. The property comprises: Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Bathroom, Bedroom, Off Street Parking.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000

Lot 4 Walsall Wood Road Aldridge

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment



A ground floor shop unit currently used as a hair dressing salon, let on a 5 year lease from January 2008 at £400 pcm. Situated in a popular parade of shops within a mile of Aldridge village the unit comprises: Salon, Kitchen, Lobby, W.C., Outside Small Yard.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £50,000

Lot 5 Church Lane Fradley

Viewing: 29th Nov & 6 Dec at 2.30pm



In need of complete modernisation and improvement, this detached bungalow is situated in a semi rural setting on the outskirts of Fradley whilst being within easy travelling distance of Lichfield, Burton on Trent and Derby. Set on a good size plot, the property offers tremendous scope for improvement and offers an ideal investment opportunity, the accommodation comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000

Lot 7 Sutton Road Walsall

Viewing: 28 Nov & 5 Dec at 10am



A traditionally styled detached family residence set in a delightful semi rural location with views across Green Belt. In need of some improvements the property offers an ideal opportunity for future development and extensions. A planning application has been made Ref 13/1304/FL (decision pending shortly) to extend the property to create a larger Kitchen, Utility Room and W.C at ground floor level and an additional Bedroom, plus 3 en suite Shower Rooms at first floor level. The existing accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Dining Room, Living Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Large Utility/Veranda, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Garden.

GUIDE PRICE £200,000 - £220,000

Lot 8 Foundry Lane Pelsall

Viewing: This site is open for inspection



Small piece of amenity land adjacent to 6 Foundry Lane, ideal for parking or storage. It must be noted that 1 parking space on the left hand side of the plot, looking from the road, is left available for use by the shop.

GUIDE PRICE £5,000 Plus

Lot 9 Tamworth Road Kingsbury



A converted first floor flat ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor. Currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy, the property is situated on the outskirts of the village of Kingsbury. The property comprises: Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Bathroom, Bedroom, Off Street Parking.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000

Lot 10 Wolverhampton Road West Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment



●●CASH OFFERS ONLY INVITED DUE TO MINE ENTRY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY●● This traditionally styled detached residence offers well planned spacious living accommodation ideally suited to the needs of a family or investor. The property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Garage and Utility Room, Boiler Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens

GUIDE PRICE £120,000 - £140,000

Lot 11 Harrowby Place Willenhall

Viewing: 28 Nov & 5 Dec at 12.30pm



CASH OFFERS ONLY (due to mining issues) are invited for this traditionally styled extended gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached residence. Having undergone considerable improvement and modernisation. Set in a quiet cul-de-sac the property suits an investor with good rental yield potential. The property comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, L-Shaped Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000

Lot 13 Wallace Road Birmingham



The first floor flat is let on an Assured Shorthold Periodic Tenancy dated 03/02/09 at a rent of £240.00 per calendar month. The ground floor is vacant. The double glazed, gas centrally heated accommodation comprises:- Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Shower Room, Rear Lobby, W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 Plus

Lot 14 Trafalgar Court Tividale



Purpose built first floor maisonette offering an ideal opportunity for an investor, conveniently located between Tividale and Oldbury. With uPVC double glazing and some storage heaters (not tested) the accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge/Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, Communal Gardens, Garage.

GUIDE PRICE £15,000 Plus

Lot 15 Darlaston Road Walsall

Viewing: 28 Nov & 5 Dec at 12pm



A Victorian 3 bed mid terraced residence with central heating offering an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor, conveniently located in a popular residential area. The property comprises: Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £65,000

Lot 16 Beacon Street Walsall

Viewing: 28 Nov & 5 Dec at 10.30am



A traditionally styled Victorian end of terrace residence has gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing but requires further improvement and modernisation ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor. Constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof the property is set back from the road behind a small fore garden and comprises:- Lounge/Dining Room, Hallway Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

Lot 18 Snowdrop Close Clayhanger

Viewing: 4th Dec at 2pm



Occupying a corner plot on a sought after new estate this gas centrally heated and double glazed residence would make an ideal purchase for young family or investor, Hall, Guest Cloaks, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En-suite, two further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, for and rear Gardens

GUIDE PRICE £125,000 - £145,000

Lot 19 Wolverhampton Road Bloxwich

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment



A ground floor retail unit with A3/A5 use, with a first floor self contained flat above. Situated just off the Bloxwich High Street in a prime location, the property lends it self to owner occupation at ground floor, with income from flat, or straight forward investment. The property comprises: Shop, Lobby, W.C, Lounge, Three further Rooms, Shower Room.

GUIDE PRICE £65,000 plus

Lot 20 Emery Close Birmingham

Viewing: 3 & 9 Dec at 12pm



The property is situated in the residential area of Erdington close to local shops and amenities. Transport links are provided by Gravely Hill rail station and the M6 motorway (junction 6) is easily accessible. The property comprises a semi detached three bedroom house arranged over ground and first floors. The property requires updating. The property includes: Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

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- Driveway and conservatory

NEW 515 pcm

Smiths Flour Mill

- A modern 2 bed ground floor apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen area
- Stylish kitchen with integral appliances
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- Double Glazing throughout
- Secure allocated parking space

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Brewer Street

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- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Rear garden and driveway

NEW 475 pcm

Springhill Court

- A well presented 2 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Stylish bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- Parking, DSS accepted

NEW 450 pcm

Dora street

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 1 spacious through lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden, DSS accepted

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Treetops Drive

- A fully re-furnished 1 bed maisonette
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Sandwell Street

- A 3 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 good size reception room
- Large kitchen/diner with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with jacuzzi bath
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Town centre location

£500 pcm

Gower Street

- A superb 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Enclosed rear garden

£500 pcm

Broadstone Avenue

- A fully re-furnished 2 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Ground floor

£495 pcm

May Street

- A fully re-furnished 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating F

£475 pcm

Tame Street East

- A well presented 2 bed semi detached
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with bath and shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway EPC rating D

£450 pcm

Wolverhampton Road

- A re-furnished 2 bed end terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

£450 pcm

Milton Street

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£450 pcm

Dora Street

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

£435 pcm

West Bromwich Road

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- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating throughout
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Thornbury Road,

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- A modern fitted kitchen with appliances
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Electric heating and Double glazing
- Allocated parking space EPC rating C

£400 pcm

Lewis Street

- A re-decorated 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Good size fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

£400 pcm

St Georges Court, Walsall

- A Superb 1 bed 2nd floor apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen area
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Parking space and views of the town
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

£400 pcm

Wolverhampton Street

- A splendid 1 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

£375 pcm

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- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
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- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway • Rear Gardens

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- Detached Property in Cal De Sac Location • No Upward Chain
- Four Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating 'D'
- Three Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway • Rear Gardens

£154,950



**NEW INVENTION
GLANIS ROAD**

- Modern Style Link Detached on Popular Road • No Chain
- Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen • Energy Rating 'E'
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing
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£149,950



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- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway • Rear Gardens • Energy Rating D

£147,500



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- Improved Mid Terrace Property • Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Lounge with Dining Area • Conservatory • Kitchen
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- Driveway • Rear Gardens • Energy Rating C

£139,950



**COPPIC FARM
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- Lounge & Dining Room • Impressive Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms • Luxury Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas CH, Double Glazing • Energy rating E
- Pleasant Rear Gardens • No Upward Chain

£95,000



**NEW INVENTION
BROOKHILL WAY**

- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Part Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Bathroom • Gardens
- Energy Rating C

£92,000



**WILLENHALL
ALBION ROAD**

- Spacious Period Mid Terrace Property • Convenient Location
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- Two Bedrooms • Large Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'D'

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- Refitted bathroom • Double glazing • Gas central heating • Driveway
- Delightful rear garden with log cabin • No chain • Energy Rating 'C'

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**WILLENHALL
VICTORIA COURT, GRANVILLE STREET**

- Superb Ground Floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen • Bathroom, Parking Space
- Double glazing • Gas Central heating
- Energy Rating 'C'

£82,500 NO CHAIN



**WILLENHALL
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- First floor maisonette in popular location • Lounge • Kitchen
- Double bedroom with built-in wardrobe • Bathroom with white suite
- Double glazing • Garage • No chain
- Energy Rating 'F'

£55,000



**COPPIC FARM
SANDALWOOD CLOSE**

- Superb 3 Bedroom Extended Semi Detached • ENERGY 'E'
- Lounge & Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas CH, Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway • Gardens

£159,950



**WILLENHALL
STONEHOUSE AVENUE**

- Impressive Improved Modern Style Detached Property
- Popular Cal De Sac Location • Energy Rating 'C'
- Lounge • Dining Room • Conservatory • Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Garage • Front & Rear gardens • No Chain

£150,000



**WILLENHALL
ST ANNES ROAD**

- Mid Terrace Property • Requires Renovation
- Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen
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Guide: £290,000 / £ 310,000



3 BEECHWOOD DRIVE, WIGHTWICK

Cul-de-sac position within prime residential location - a well proportioned Bungalow - would now benefit from upgrade - Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Study, Utility facility off, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, generous Loft space, Garage, lovely Rear Garden. EPC: F

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THE OLD POST OFFICE, 6 THE SQUARE, IRONBRIDGE

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Guide: £230,000 / £240,000



180 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, BILSTON

Large spacious Victorian End Terrace, corner position, immaculately presented. Hall, Two Reception, Sun Lounge, newly fitted luxury Kitchen and Bathroom Two Double Bedrooms, Shower Room, spacious Loft area, large rear Garden. EPC: E

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Guide: £80,000 / £95,000



6 WHARF STREET, HORSELEY FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

A large Semi, Foregarden, off-road Parking, Large Hall, W.C., Lounge, big Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas C.H. EPC: C

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Guide: £78,000 / £83,000



11 PEAR TREE LANE, WEDNESFIELD

Conveniently located and accessible to shops and schools - a Detached House offering Porch, Hall, Through Lounge / Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, 70ft. Rear Garden. EPC: F

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Guide: £110,000 / £115,000



44 GROSVENOR STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON

A partially improved Semi, Three smart Bedrooms, excellent Loft space, New Bathroom and Kitchen, Lounge and extended Dining Room, Garage, Store, Rear Garden. EPC: E

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 29th & 30th NOVEMBER @ 11.45 a.m

Guide: £54,000 / £59,000



298 NEWHAMPTON ROAD WEST, WOLVERHAMPTON

Large Victorian House with big rooms. Hall, Two Reception, large Kitchen, Rear Hall, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms & Box Room, spacious Bathroom. Gated vehicular access and off-road Parking, generous grounds. Space to develop (STPP). EPC: D

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 29th & 30th NOVEMBER @ 10.30 a.m

Guide: £125,000 / £130,000



14 CLAYTON CLOSE, BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

Convenient cul-de-sac location, UPVC & CH., Foregarden Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility area, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, long Rear Garden. EPC: E

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 29th & 30th NOVEMBER @ 12.45 a.m

Guide: £64,000 / £69,000



25 MILFORD ROAD, BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

Investment - Currently producing £5,400 p.a. Large Semi in good location, Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Laundry, Three Bedrooms, white Bathroom, long Garden. EPC: F

VIEWING: THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER @ 2.00 p.m

Guide: £74,000 / £79,000



1 BROWN STREET, BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

Investment currently producing £7,020 pax Well situated End Terraced, Two Reception, Kitchen, large Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, long garden. EPC: TBA

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Ampleforth Drive, Willenhall



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A well presented three bedroom detached home on a popular development with easy access to Black Country Route and M6.

Cadnam Close, Willenhall



EPC C

£160,000

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Breydon Grove, Willenhall



EPC D

£140,000

An extended and immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached home situated in a cul-de-sac location.

Longwood Rise, Willenhall



EPC D

£140,000

A three bedroom semi detached home situated on an exceptional corner plot with garage and driveway to the rear.

Bute Close, Willenhall



EPC C

£140,000

A three bedroom semi detached bungalow situated on an exceptional plot in a cul-de-sac location on the sought after Summer Hayes development.

King Edward Street, Darlaston Green



EPC E

£130,000

A well presented three bedroom semi detached home situated on a popular road moments from Darlaston Town Centre.

Anson Road, Walsall



Awaiting EPC

£110,000

A three bedroom semi detached home situated moments from junction 10 M6. Presented in excellent order with re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.

Anson Road, Walsall



Awaiting EPC

£110,000

A well presented three bedroom semi detached home benefiting from a further downstairs shower room.

King Edward Street, Darlaston



EPC E

£90,000

Refurbished Victorian property benefiting from a new kitchen and a bathroom. Viewing highly recommended.

Bloomfield Drive, Willenhall



EPC D

£79,000

A three bedroom terraced home situated in New Invention. Benefitting from re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, driveway to the fore and downstairs WC.

Haley Street, Willenhall



EPC D

£75,000

A three bedroom terraced home comprising re-fitted kitchen and en-suite WC to master bedroom. Viewing is essential.

Cinder Way, Wednesbury



EPC E

£50,000

A two bedroom ground floor maisonette in need of cosmetic improvements. Viewing is advised early to avoid disappointment. No chain.

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• Two Reception Rooms•Bathroom
• Central Heating•Part Double Glazing
• Large Rear Garden•Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



**Walsall
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• Lounge•Kitchen•Family Bathroom
• Garage & Off Road Parking
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• D.Glazing & Gas Heating•Front Driveway

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• Bathroom• D.Glazing•Electric Heating
• Front Garden•Off Road Parking

£450 PCM



**Walsall
GRAND JUNCTION WAY**
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
• Front & Rear Gardens•Off Road Parking
• Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich
FOSTER STREET**
• Two Bedroom Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Double Glazing•Gas Central Heating
• Fitted Kitchen•DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



**Walsall
THORNBURY ROAD**
• One Bedroom Apartment
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen
• Bathroom•Electric Heating
• Double Glazing•Parking•Sorry No DHSS

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich
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• One & Two Bed Apartments
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom
• Double Glazing•Electric Heating
• DHSS Accepted•Off Road Parking

From £400 PCM



**Bloxwich
GREEN LANE**
• Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen
• Ground Floor Bathroom•Rear Garden
• D.Glazing & Gas Heating

£395 PCM



**Bloxwich
LIVINGSTONE ROAD**
• Two Bedroom Third Floor Flat
• Lounge with raised Dining Area
• Kitchen•Bathroom•Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing•Off Road Parking

£395 PCM



**Walsall
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• One & Two Bedroom Flats
• Lounge•Kitchen•Off Road Parking
• Gas Central Heating
• DHSS Accepted

From £380 PCM



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• Two Bedroom Flat
• Lounge•Fitted Kitchen
• Double Glazing•Electric heating
• DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



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**Walsall
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• Large Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
• Gas Central Heating•Double Glazing
• Cul-De-Sac Location•Sorry No DHSS,

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**Walsall
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• 1 bed town centre first floor apartment
• Newly redecorated communal areas
• Lounge•Separate Kitchen•Bathroom
• Fridge, cooker and w.machine included

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• One Bedroom Apartment
• Lounge•Bathroom•Fitted kitchen
• Double glazing•Central heating
• Sorry No DHSS

£350 PCM



**Willenhall
MARKET PLACE**
• One Bedroom
• Lounge•Modern Fitted Kitchen
• Modern Bathroom•Gas Central Heating
• DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



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OIEO £125,000



DIBBLE CLOSE, WILLENHALL

Well Presented Three Bed Mid Town House Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, Separate W.C., C/Heating, D/Glazing, Parking To The Rear. Ideal FTB Or Buy To Let.

£90,000 OIEO



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£89,995



REGENT STREET, WILLENHALL

Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden. This Property Is Presented In Show Home Condition. Must Be Viewed To Fully Appreciate.

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STROUD AVENUE, WILLENHALL

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£119,995



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£122,500



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Extended Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Three Generous Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Good Sized Front And Rear Gardens With Off Road Parking.

OIEO £130,000



RIDING WAY, SHORT HEATH

Three Bed Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Garage, Carport, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.

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MEMORY LANE, DARLASTON

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property Comprising Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Ground Floor W.C., Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Close To Good Local Amenities And Transport Links. Must View!

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WILLENHALL RD, W'TON

Well Presented Modern Three Storey Town House Having Entrance Hallway, Ground Floor W.C., Family Lounge, Spacious Kitchen/Diner, Three Double Bedrooms, Two With En-Suite, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.

£134,995



WOODSIDE WAY, SHORT HEATH

Well Presented Extended Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Detached Garage, Part D/Glazing & C/Heating. Must View!

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Performance and economy in a Mercedes

DRIVING a good-looking or arresting car often attracts admiring glances. Occasionally, the attention can be unwelcome. Here's a case in point.

I rented a house in the south of France for a holiday earlier this year and drove down in a Mercedes CLA.

What a lovely trip it was going to be. And indeed it was, except for one incident on my way out just south of Lyon.

I was driving along a dual carriageway and overtook a rather battered looking small French car. The vehicle then proceeded to overtake mine and its occupants gestured for me to pull over.

Suspicious of their motives, I immediately took advantage of the car's power to leave others standing and left them well behind.

I was driving the CLA 220 CDI, the only diesel model available, which has excellent in-gear acceleration, as I discovered. This is especially true in sport mode, which I quickly engaged, where the throttle response and gearshifts from the dual-clutch gearbox are sharp indeed. It will also get up to 62mph in 8.1 seconds.

Aside from needing that speed of response, this is a car that loves cruising around town and eating up those hundreds of miles very comfortably when driving through France. And when you get stuck in the holiday traffic on the bottlenecks to the sun, the stop/start saves you plenty of fuel. And speaking of fuel, for a car of this size and

By Sharon Walters

capability, consumption is very healthy and gives you more money to spend on wine to bring back.

On the motorway run I got close to 60mpg on the journey there and again on the way back with a boot full of Provencal rose.

Add low CO2 emissions to the economy and it is an attractive option for company car drivers. And when winding through the hills of Provence the car, with its accurate steering, is very sporty with low-roll cornering and keen front-end bite giving a very enjoyable ride.

Combination

There's no denying that it is a striking car with a combination of short overhangs, a 'pushy' front, sharp creases and a gently sloping roofline. It looks great from nearly every angle.

Two trim levels are available in the UK. Top-spec AMG Sport models have five-spoke AMG alloys, a silver pin grille and slightly deeper bodywork and the entry-level Sport, as driven by me, is attractive enough.

Inside it's as stylish as the outside with sports seats giving a low seating position that adjusts every which way to get the perfect position for every driver, plus quality materials and finish. There are several

driving assistance systems (some standard and some options) which reduce the driver's workload.

Standard-fit features for the coupé include Attention Assist - drowsiness detection (and that worked with me after a long stint behind the wheel with me thinking I'll just go on to the next services when I really did need to take a break) and radar-based Collision Prevention Assist with adaptive Brake Assist.

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Established assistance systems, such as Adaptive Highbeam Assist and the Lane Tracking package with Blind Spot and Lane Keeping Assist, are also available for the CLA.

My conclusion? It's an excellent motorway cruiser, likes the town, loves the country and has a nice balance between performance and economy. Prices start at £24,355 on the road.



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Motoring



This version of the best selling Subaru, is fresh, good-looking and a great drive on the road and off-road

Award for the all-new Forester from Subaru

SUBARU UK's best-selling model, the Subaru Forester, has been named 'Mid Range SUV of the Year' by 4x4 Magazine.

Subjecting the new Forester to a wide range of tests both on- and off-road, 4x4 Magazine awarded the Forester with class honours in one of the hardest-fought categories in its annual '4x4 of the Year' issue.

Commenting on the Forester's victory, Nigel Fryatt, editor of 4x4 Magazine, said: "Subaru's latest Forester impressed us both on and off road. This version is fresh, good-looking and a great drive. It has 'good for its class'

approach and departure angles and with the automatically controlled X-Mode system, the Forester maintains its competent off-road ability and bad weather credentials. That it is also great to drive on the road is the bonus that grabbed the class victory."

The Forester builds on the model's established reputation as a tough, likeable and highly capable SUV. At the same time, it offers improved performance, safety and efficiency and a more spacious and better appointed cabin.

Sales of the Forester are up 75% year on year against 2012. The petrol turbo XT has been in particularly high demand among the Subaru faithful - bucking the trend for strong diesel SUV

sales - with its 240ps 2.0-litre turbocharged direct-injection petrol engine and clever X-Mode hill descent system.

The new model is also available with Subaru's latest 2.0-litre petrol and diesel Boxer engines, with all versions featuring Subaru's trademark symmetrical All-wheel drive as standard.

Paul Tunncliffe, managing director of Subaru UK, said: "We are delighted with this recognition. The Forester has always been popular with owners who need a car that is highly accomplished off-road but also entertaining on it, and the decision by 4x4 Magazine's expert judges is testament to the car's varied abilities."

Four grades all packed with high levels of kit



The new Nissan Qashqai, on sale in January next year, has a choice of two petrol and two diesel engines

FOLLOWING its recent glitzy London unveiling, Nissan has now released pricing and specification details for its hotly anticipated latest generation Qashqai.

When the mid-size SUV goes on sale in January prices will start from £17,595 and rise to £27,845, and buyers will have a choice of four trim levels.

Nissan's engineers have also done much to improve the car's green credentials, with the result being an engine line-up spanning the 99g/km to 132g/km CO2 range.

Entry level Visia cars benefit from a generous amount of kit, including auto air-conditioning, hill start assist, cruise control and a large colour infotainment screen.

Acenta-badged models gain the likes of dual-zone air-con, leather for the steering wheel and gear lever, larger alloy wheels and a tyre pressure monitoring system.

Both the Visia and Acenta models come with the option of a Smart Vision Pack (£450) that adds Nissan's advanced Safety Shield system among other driver aids. Designed to enhance the safety of occupants, the pack incorporates Front Collision Avoidance and Traffic Sign Recognition.

Moving up to the Acenta Premium grade adds digital radio, a rear view parking camera and sensors, a panoramic sunroof, keyless ignition and lane departure warning.

The flagship Tekna models add all-round parking sensors, part leather seats, LED headlights, a seven-inch infotainment screen and 19-inch alloys.

A pair of petrol and diesel engines will be available from launch, all boasting fuel-saving stop-start technology. Diesel fans can choose between a 109bhp 1.5 unit and a 128bhp 1.6 motor. Petrol options initially run to a 1.2 113bhp motor and more powerful 148bhp 1.6 unit.

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**Blyth Spartans 3
Rushall Olympic 2**

DESPITE a spirited recovery from 2-0 down, to draw level, Rushall Olympic made the long journey home point-less after a Paul Robinson goal three minutes from time gave Blyth Spartans all three.

On 19 minutes Spartans went ahead when Nathan Buddle got the final touch after a goalmouth scramble following a corner.

Three minutes later the home side had a great chance to double their lead when they were awarded a penalty but Chris Gemmell saved Craig Hubbard's shot.

Five minutes before the break Dele Adebola headed over and two minutes into the second half the home side doubled their advantage when Daniel Maguire took advantage.

The visitors kept battling away and pulled a goal back when Stan Mugisha lobbed the advancing keeper and with just eleven minutes remaining they drew level when Gavin Caines equalised from a penalty.

The home side were reduced to 10 a minute later when Aaron Wearmouth saw red but three minutes from time the home side hit the winner when Paul Robinson fired home.

Youngsters gettime with rugby stars

LUCKY youngsters from the StreetGames project in Willenhall spent the afternoon training with England's Rugby League World Cup squad.

The England team, who are preparing for the all important Rugby League World Cup semi-final match this Saturday, invited six of the StreetGames Willenhall project in the West Midlands to sit in on their official media conference at Loughborough University.

Brothers Ryan and James Tamilio, Ogulcan Unal, Brad John, Adam Walters and Alex Devey all gained an exclusive 'behind the scenes' afternoon with the England players.

The youngsters were given the opportunity to put their questions to the squad before heading out to the pitch for a training session, picking up some top skills and techniques from the world class players.

StreetGames has been working with the RFL to deliver Rugby Pop-Up Clubs to young people living in some of the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

Jones will be against Dolan

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Wayne Jones will meet Brendan Dolan in the first round of the televised PDC Players Championship finals after the final line-up was decided.

'Wanderer' finished 31st in the Pro Tour Order of Merit to seal his spot at Butlins in Minehead for the top-32 event later this month, live on ITV4.

Jones also competed in the last standard PDC Players Championship tournaments of the year at the Barnsley Metrodome last weekend.

Joe Cullen put him out 6-3 in the first round on Saturday, but Jones rebounded to overcome Terry Temple 6-5. He then lost 6-4 to Bernd Roth.

Good show without reward for Wolves

Wolves 0 Brentford 0

DESPITE the lack of goals Wolves were pretty good.

Brentford were as pugnacious and strong an opponent as they have possibly faced this season.

Wolves' opposition came with a big following high on the octane of a streak of six successive wins.

Once more, as a senior Molineux official observed, the sense of the team having to cope with the equivalent of 46 third round FA Cup ties was thick in the air.

At times, Wolves gave us glimpses of what they are striving

for as they controlled significant portions of the contest.

But if the sure authority Jackett and his players are seeking remains in sight, it is not yet within their grasp.

Knitted

Still the team gives the impression of being staffed by 11 well-drilled footballers who are largely over-qualified for this division and know where they should be on the pitch and what they want to do at any given time.

But it has yet to be knitted together in a truly convincing manner. They remain unyielding

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and immensely strong in defence and while that bedrock is sound, Jackett can tinker away until his heart's content.

For this game, the head coach gave the impression of meeting fire with fire, selecting as an attacking first XI as we have seen all season.

They will certainly look forward to seeing more of Jackett's latest recruit after a debut from Michael Jacobs that probably amounted to a better

first game than James Henry's – and look what happened to him. Jacobs has a pleasing soft touch, is quick enough to trouble full-backs either side – and Brentford were particularly strong in this position – and is not afraid of hard work.

Jackett had every reason to be delighted with the winger's start and there is confidence that, like Henry, there will be even better to come.

As has become one of this season's trademarks, Jacobs swapped at regular 15-minute intervals with Bakary Sako who

continues to conduct this campaign on the form zig-zag of indispensable and infuriating.

Against Brentford he veered towards the erratic and indulgent, a reminder that the team has to put up with an awful lot in return for sometimes very little.

But in terms of controlling the rhythm of performance, the central midfield combination is rightly seen as vital and in the combo of Kevin McDonald and David Edwards, Jackett hopes to have the blend of presence, passing and energy to expand the team's capacity to dominate.

Last minute score has six appeal for Walsall

Stratford upon Avon 31 Walsall 36

WALSALL are proving to be the inform team in Midlands One West after securing a sixth successive victory with a last gasp score at Stratford.

The final action of the game resulted in Walsall's captain Steve Halbert going over for the match-winning score.

Walsall's place kicker, Roger Weston, then stepped up and put over the conversion. This was to be his eighth successive successful kick of the game, converting all three tries and all five of his penalty attempts.

This would prove to be a vital contribution by the time the final whistle was blown.

The visitors had already created chances in the first five minutes, but wayward passes and poor communication saw two try scoring opportunities wasted. The hosts, in contrast, were very clinical in securing their first score.

A powerful drive from a lineup resulted in prop forward Baldwin getting the touchdown.

Walsall were in control of the game for long periods of the first half.

Young then kicked an easy penalty for the hosts to increase their lead.

Walsall then began to convert their pressure into points with Weston kicking four penalties during the next 12 minutes to establish an 8-12 lead.

Good runs by the back row of Halbert, Hughes and Hickman forced Stratford to transgress on two occasions. Good tackles by Benson and Naylor resulted in further penalties. The hosts however, reduced the deficit just before the final whistle with Young kicking a penalty after Walsall dropped a pass near their own line.

The opening five minutes of the second half proved to

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be a disaster for Walsall as the hosts scored two tries. A clearance kick was charged down and fly half Young collected the ball for the first and then a kindly bounce of the ball resulted in lock forward Bonner crossing wide out.

The visitors replied with some powerful plays and although a lineup drive was stopped. No.8 Daniel Simpson forced his way over from the resulting scrum. Weston's conversion closed the gap to 21-19.

Another Walsall error, this time from the restart, presented Stratford with another score. No.8 Pritchard went over for their bonus point try. Kennedy's conversion extended their lead.

Simpson and Wootton instigated attacks that gave the visitors another scrum.

Once again, the power of their scrum was evident before Simpson gathered the ball and went over for his second try.

The tension was very evident during the closing stages as Kennedy's penalty gave Stratford a 31-26 advantage. But Weston replied with a 40 metre kick before the dramatic finale.

The Walsall captain broke through the defence for a fine try converted by Weston. This Saturday Walsall are at Whitchurch.



Walsall captain Steve Halbert makes another strong run in the away game which almost went down to the wire

Fair result for Wood from game of two halves

**Loughborough University 2
Walsall Wood 2**

WOOD found themselves in a real game of two halves, with the visitors well worth their two goal half-time lead courtesy of a brace from Joey Butlin, but the home side came roaring back in the second half and a goal three minutes from time gave them a deserved draw.

Walsall were quickly into their stride, Lewis Taylor Boyce fed Joey Butlin wide right, his cross flashing across the face of the six-yard box.

The reply was immediate, Jack Emmett collecting the ball in the centre circle and playing it through for Tristan Dunkley with Rajaan Gill racing from his line to fly kick clear.

Then on eight minutes Jack Beckett out wide left cut inside and set up Emmett,

Shawn Boothe making a timely challenge.

Straight to the other end and Ahmet Bilgimer won a corner which resulted in Boothe heading just over.

Craig Hancox ran at the centre of the defence and was fouled on the left of the D which saw Butlin firing the free kick past a flat-footed Brendan Hazlett in the Uni goal and into the top left hand corner.

Four minutes later it was 2-0 as Andre Gonzales fed Taylor Boyce down the right, he raced to the byline, hit a far post low cross that found Butlin who calmly buried the ball in the back of the net.

On 36 minutes a long ball forward by Lee Stretton sailed over the home defenders with Hazlett racing from his area to head clear from Butlin.

Within a minute of the start of the second half the home side gave themselves a life-

line, Emmett racing clear on the left, his low cross swept home by Jack Poxon. Then on 57 minutes a long high ball into the Wood box was brought down by Beckett, his shot charged down by Boothe.

Harris cut in from the Wood left played a ball back wide to Craig Hancox who collected the return and fired just wide.

Bilgimer won a right wing corner from which a goalmouth scramble developed, but somehow the home side survived as shots rained in from inside the box, before the ball was finally headed clear.

Back came Beckett, two minutes later he made space on the right, played the ball low into the box and Stretton stabbed the ball inches wide of the left hand post.

Bilgimer out on the right worked a neat one-two with Gonzales but his low cross was blocked for a corner, the ball was only half

cleared to Harris 30 yards out and his first time effort was just too high.

With five minutes left Daniel Brennan powered forward before releasing Dunkley into the right of the box before Boothe made an important tackle.

Two minutes later Johannes Mueller found Daniel Partridge wide right, he cut inside and his rising drive cannoned off the underside of the bar. Sam Cook was first to react and fired the equaliser into the roof of the net.

Then on 89 minutes Gill raced to the right of his box and stopped a ball going for a corner, his clearance going straight to Dunkley whose 40-yard effort sailed towards the goal, Stretton racing back to head over the angle to save a precious point for Wood that their performance had deserved.

Etheridge is looking like future champion

PLECK Amateur Boxing Club believe it's only a matter of time before they crown their next national champion after Liam Etheridge reached a final.

Etheridge took out hot favourite, Reece Mould, in his National Ambition Boxing Championships semi-final to stand within a fight of the title.

Three-time national champion Mould, from Doncaster Plant Works ABC, was left bamboozled by fierce offence from the opening bell on Sunday.

They clashed at 54kg in Class B – for boxers born in 1994 and 1995 – at the Sherburn Leisure Centre, Durham.

Straight shots rattled Mould and set out Etheridge's stall in the first round, but the West Midlander was forced onto the back-foot in the second. A warning for hitting to the back of the head in the third and last session perhaps cost Mould the fight, with Etheridge now looking nailed on.

Trainer Terry Leonard said: "Take it from me, Liam will win the title now. I had the same feeling when Christopher Keane boxed for us in 2009.

"He went on to win the senior ABAs at super heavyweight that year."

Star knock the fire out of Dragons

**Lichfield & Walsall District
Football League
Premier**

Aldridge Town 1 BurntwoodAlbion 2; Erdington Star 8 Burntwood Dragons 1

League One
Boney Hay 0 Pelsal Villa Colts 5; Cannock Wood 4 AC Lions 3; Stonnall FC 1 B'hillscom. 4

League two
Green Rock Tavern 2 Paradise FC 0; Longdon Chet 2 Trident FC 4; Ros Park 1 Swan FC 5; Trent Valley Rovers 1 Duke of Wellington 0

League Three
Boatmans Rest 3 Walsall Phoenix 0; Dog FC 2 Hussey Arms 1

League Four
Wych Elm FC 4 Eximius Warriors 1; Queens FC 2 Oak Park Rangers 13

**Jack Donnelly Cup
Round Three**
Alma FC 3 Burntwood Star 0

**Lichfield Charity Cup
Round Two**
Freemans FC 5 Pelsal Villa FC 7 (aet & pen)

**Sam Kimberley Cup
Round Three**
Dosthill Rangers 0 Crystal Fountain 5; Hazelslade 7 Cellar Door 6 (aet & pen); Mill Farm 2 Sheffield FC 4; Wryley 5 Bowman 0.

Victory joy in first leg of cup

WALSALL Seconds had a good win in the first leg of the league cup. They beat Lichfield 25-19 Tribes by Rod Dickson, Karl Robinson and Francesco Perozzo. Andy Hawkins kicked a conversion and two penalties with Mitch Carless also kicking a conversion.

Walsall Thirds took on Telford Firsts in a friendly. The team performed well but eventually lost 28-7.

Aston Old Eds Colts 12

Walsall Colts 27

Walsall dominated this game despite having only 14 players.

**Burton U-15s 19
Walsall U-15s 12**

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Fair result as Wood let
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Saddlers forwards 'are now marked'

ANDY TAYLOR has warned Walsall's forwards have become "marked men" after they drew a blank at Crawley Town.

The Saddlers were unable to record their third win in a row.

Taylor believes last Monday's scintillating win over Peterborough United in front of the Sky Sports cameras has alerted the entire division to the prowess of Craig Westcarr, Milan Lalkovic and Romaine Sawyers.

All three failed to hit the heights of that performance on Saturday. Left-back Taylor believes it is up to the rest of the team to pitch in.

"Nowadays if you have a good game, particularly live on television, teams do their homework," he said.

"Crawley will have watched the Peterborough game, focused on what our threats are and then tried to stop them."

"If you have a good game as a forward player the next game is going to be more difficult because teams will be aware of the threat and set up to try and stop it."

"Nowadays, there are big numbers of staff at clubs and they do their research to find ways to stop you playing."

He added: "If you have a couple of good games and catch the eye, teams will spot it and try to stop you. It's difficult to try to repeat that week-in, week-out."

Fighters in the medals

WILLENHALL Karate Academy are celebrating a haul of medals from a recent competition.

Fighters from the club competed in the Elite Second Open Championships and came home with 12 medals.

The gold medal winners were sensei Steve O'Gara, Pavanee Dhami and Rohane Takhi.

Silver medal winners were Josh Takhi, Angelina Takhi and Callum Totty and the bronze winners were Molly Jones, Spencer Neljandi, Tyler Williams, Charlie Foster, Josh Samujh and Carl Lodge with Callum Totty in the Pairs event.

O'Gara said: "It was some of children's first competition and they were very nervous but with all their training, they went on to make themselves proud and are very much looking forward to more opportunities."

Villa claw back from a two goal deficit

Albion 2 Villa 2

THIS was a draw which felt like a defeat for Albion but which felt like victory for Villa.

On such a delicate balance, the 161st derby between these great old rivals finished with both welded together by the scoreline and in the centre of the Premier League table.

From the perilous position of a 2-0 deficit inside a dozen minutes dominated by brilliant finishing from Shane Long, Villa clawed their way back.

It was an escape Albion probably facilitated by spurning opportunities to finish off their closest neighbours. In the inquest

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head coach Steve Clarke will conduct, the two glaring openings which escaped Stephane Sessegnon will assume particular anguish.

But whatever reservations persist about Paul Lambert's redesign of Villa, the team's willing spirit is as undeniable as the threat they can pose when Christian Benteke, Gabby Agbonlahor and Andreas Weimann come together. Karim El Ahmadi and Ashley Westwood duly provided the goals that cancelled out Long's outstanding couplet – leaving the region's struggle for Premier

League supremacy unanswered. Historically, Villa's edge is underscored by a 74-52 win record in their favour.

Lambert opted for a three-man back line and flooded midfield but it was pulled apart by the rampaging Long and Albion's ability to pick out the Irishman from deep.

Long's first goal, in the fourth minute, saw him split Nathan Baker and Ciaran Clark. One more touch set him up for a left-foot shot drilled beyond Brad Guzan – The Hawthorns will be a fortunate venue if it sees a more sublime piece of finishing this season.

Not that Long's second was too shabby. A

woeful mishit pass by Leandro Bacuna provided the service, but the Ireland international unfurled a beautifully-judged chip.

That Bacuna error was symptomatic of Villa's defending and before they reached the safety of half-time, they were fortunate their opponents were not out of sight.

In the second half Amalfitano switched off for a second so that when a Bacuna cross bounced off Claudio Yacob in the 67th minute, El Ahmadi pounced to score.

Better was to follow for Villa when Westwood moved on to a weak clearance from Goran Popov and struck a beauty from 20 yards, his first goal for the club.

Pegasus soar over Lockmen

Pegasus 7

Willenhall Town 0

WILLENHALL simply had no answer to the clinical finishing of their West Midlands Premier hosts.

The home side broke the deadlock when a sweeping move finished with Ben Price firing home.

The Lockmen battled well and created a couple of half chances while Booth did well on three occasions to prevent a goal before the killer goal arrived just before half time.

A quick counter-attack down the right saw the ball fed inside and Kane Kahnki fired into the net.

Cory Hyde made no mistake when he rolled a well-placed shot right in the corner on 58 minutes.

Richard Harrison raced on to another through-ball on 65 minutes before he fired into the corner, then a ball across the defensive line from the left saw Hyde steal on to the ball and again he finished well for the fifth.

With five minutes left, Jack Lewis steered a header home from a cross before Hyde got his hat-trick with a minute left when he was played through a tired defence before rounding Booth and guiding home for the seventh.

Blox haunted by run of bad form

Leamington 6 Bloxwich 3

ANOTHER disappointing performance from Bloxwich Men's First team meant their horrid run of form continued.

Bloxwich looked out of sorts but linked up well occasionally to score two good short corners from Matt Baldwin and Eddie Marrocco. Adam Baldwin scored Bloxwich's third goal.

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LACK OF GOALS IS BACK ON AGENDA

Crawley Town 0 Walsall 0

ARE the Saddlers going to score enough goals? It's a question which has reared its head countless times this season and is now sneaking back on to the agenda.

Dean Smith's side were field Stadium by a combination of misfortune, poor finishing and good goalkeeping.

On another day, Craig Westcarr would have had a hat-trick.

Midfielder James Baxendale had stressed before the game the need to keep picking up points to keep pace with the division's top six and this very much felt like two points dropped.

If the Saddlers narrowly miss out on the play-off come May, this will be the type of game they'll look back on with regret.

Digging

But before digging into why victory wasn't achieved, it's vital to note this was also a day when football was put into perspective.

The death of Bert Chambers on Thursday, father to Adam and James, clearly came as a huge shock to the whole club.

Walsall paid their respects in typically dignified fashion, with every player wearing a black armband, while the squad held a minute's silence shortly after the final whistle.

The popular twins' decision to play and the fact they put in their usual committed performances spoke volumes for their character.

This was a game the Saddlers

denied victory at Broad-

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dlers will feel they should have won and the analysis of why they didn't must start with Craig Westcarr, who simply had "one of those days" in front of goal.

The striker was incredibly unlucky with a shot which struck the post but stayed out and also squandered the best chance of the game when he blazed over from just eight yards out after being brilliantly set-up by Milan Lalkovic.

Home keeper Paul Jones also proved his nemesis.

It may seem harsh to criticise Westcarr, who is enjoying a largely excellent season. But the Saddlers have raised the bar several times already this campaign and when they are deemed to have fallen short, questions get asked.

The claim Westcarr does not score enough has been rendered somewhat bogus by his eight goals to date.

For the third game running Smith named the same starting XI as he decided against a return to the three-man central midfield which has been so successful away from home.

It was a decision which had little impact defensively, as for the third game in a row the Saddlers kept a clean sheet relatively easily.



Craig Westcarr is denied as Crawley keeper – and man of the match – Paul Jones saves at his feet

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